NOVEMBER 2021

WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS

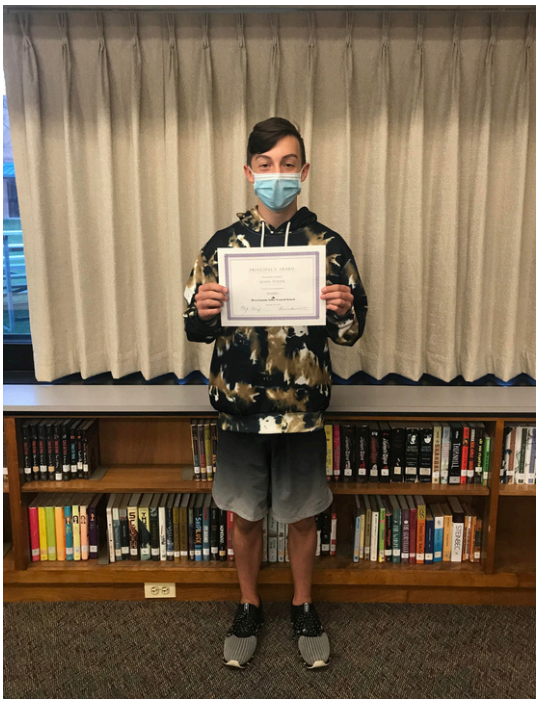


SEPTEMBER 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION

AREA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN ONEONTA

Several students have been selected to attend the 2021 Area All-State Music Festival held on November 19th and 20th at Cooperstown High School. Performing in the Mixed Chorus are Chase Bugeya and Blake Reese. Performing in the Concert Band are Madilyn Connor, Rebecca Elwood, Maya Farber, Renee' Jenkins, Sydney Kinsella, Jordyn Kuzontkoski, Jenavieve Lyon, and Lydia Reimer.

See more Music updates on pg. 4





FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MR. DJ SHEPARDSON

The school year is off to another great start and the district is sincerely grateful for the consistent investment/support of the entire West Canada Valley Community. It has been great to see all of our students back in the building and normal activities resuming on the campus. The cooperation and patience of everyone has been greatly appreciated as we continue to navigate our way through this health emergency.

Capital Project

The public vote on the proposed project is scheduled for November 9th from 12:00-8:00 pm in the high school lobby. Information on this project can be found on the district webpage as well as social media. In addition, the project newsletter was sent to all district residents. If you have any further questions regarding the proposed project, do not hesitate to contact the district office at 315-845-6800.

Board of Education

During the month of October, School Boards around New York State are being recognized for their commitment to education in their respective communities. West Canada Valley joins other districts around the state in showing our appreciation for all of their time and effort in support of the students, staff, and members of the community. This work does not go unnoticed.

Communication

As a district, we continue to seek ways to improve our communication. The district has a user-friendly website that is utilized on a regular basis to recognize the work of both our students and faculty. In addition, the website provides a venue for important announcements as well as information regarding upcoming events. The website provides access to important parent forms, job opportunities, and other important documents related to the district. The district is on Facebook providing an additional mechanism for communication. The parent portal is open so parents/guardians are able to further monitor the progress of their children. In addition, the district is now utilizing Parent Square to enhance teacher-parent communication.

School Closing

With winter rapidly approaching, inclement weather is right around the corner. We will continue to use Blackboard Connect, local radio, and television to keep the public informed about closings and delays. Your patience on these days is also appreciated as we will continue to work closely with our local towns when making a closing/delay decision. The goal is to remain open as long as we feel we can safely transport students to and from school.

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COVID-19 Update

It has been great to see so many of our community members both at school events and out in the community. The restrictions associated with the pandemic have certainly been challenging for school districts. The district is now permitted to allow spectators and guests inside the building for extra-curricular events and activities. Anyone who is attending an indoor event must wear a mask into the building and throughout the event as per public health requirements. If possible, the district encourages everyone to be seated with members of your household and maintain as much social distance as the event allows. At this time there is no limit on capacity as long as all safety measures are being followed. Therefore, it is very important that we follow all public health requirements so we can continue to permit spectators and guests in the building throughout the winter season. Cooperation regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Please know that I am available to meet with you as individuals or as groups. If you ever have anything you would like to discuss, questions you would like answered, or ideas you would like to share; do not hesitate to stop in or give me a call in the district office. Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled for this school year. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Mr. DJ Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

FROM THE NURSES' OFFICES

REMINDERS FROM OUR NURSES

Physical Examinations

New York State Law requires a health examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade. Physicals are acceptable that have been performed no longer than 12 months prior to the 1st day of school in September.

If a student is planning on playing a school sport or will need working papers they must have an updated physical on file with the health office.

Mandatory Screenings

Over the next few months the health offices will be starting to perform mandated vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings. Vision screening (distance and near vision) and hearing screening is required for all students entering the school district for the first time and students in Pre-K, K, Grades 1,3,5,7 and 11. Scoliosis screening is required for all girls in grade 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9. A letter will be sent home if your child needs follow-up with your healthcare provider. If your child has already completed the above screenings with their healthcare provider and it is on file with the health office then that screening will not be performed in school.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please contact the health office.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

WEST CANADA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT...



Guys and Dolls – will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department November 12th and 13th at 7:00pm (please note that if the football team makes it to the Dome on the 12th, the show will begin at 8:00pm) in the WCV Auditorium under the direction of Shane Bonney, with assistant direction by Andrew DeJesus. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit (Chase Bugeya), tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game with his cronies Benny (Oren Valerio) and Nicely-Nicely (Julius Grower) in town while Lt. Brannigan (William Muthig) breathes down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide (Grace Van Etten), laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson (Blake Reese), for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown (Grayce Harvey), as a result. Sarah is desperately trying to save her mission with her Aunt Agatha (Audrey Campbell) and the rest of the missionaries (Mya Johnson, Olivia Ray, Korbin Williams) from being shut down by General Cartwright (Danelle Shannon-Dineen). Guys and Dolls takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana Cuba, and even to the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong.

Additional gangster roles include: Matthew Lape as Big Jule, Caleb Grabowski as Harry the Horse, Scott Coffin as Angie the Ox, Tyler Reinhardt as Rusty Charlie, and Nathan Cornacchia as Liver Lips Louie. Victoria Coffin, Cuyler Colony, Teegan Harvey, Sheridan Hughes, Sydney Kinsella, Amelia Lekki, Jenavieve Lyon, Cali Mayo, Savanna Miner, Gianna Rutherford, Alexia Stofanak, Mikayla Synakowski, and are in the female ensemble.

Tickets are $9 and can be purchased at the door or you can have tickets placed at Will-Call by emailing Shane Bonney at SCBonney@westcanada.org or by calling 315-845-6800 ext. 3368. Please note that all audience members must be masked for the entirety of the show. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MADILYN CONNOR SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE ALL-STATE SYMPHONIC BAND

Each year in late August approximately 900 students are notified that they are selected to participate in the NYSSMA Conference All-State music groups. How does NYSSMA select these students? This seems like a simple question however the answer is complex.
The All-State experience begins with a music educator, his or her student and an accompanist spending countless hours preparing a NYSSMA Level VI solo which must be selected from repertoire lists in the current manual. Last spring, over 6,500 sophomores and juniors from across the state of New York prepared for All-State evaluations in the hope of being selected. New York State is divided into 15 regional zones by NYSSMA. These zones represent geographic areas within the state and also take into account the student populations within these zones. Last year, 43 All-State audition sites were scheduled in schools throughout the state. The All-State selection "process" begins with the solo being evaluated by a NYSSMA Certified All-State adjudicator at one of these designated sites. All-State adjudicators are responsible for evaluating every All-State solo of the same instrument or voice part. At the conclusion of the festival, the All-State adjudicators create a rank ordered proficiency list of all students being recommended. Every student who earns a score of 98-100 must be recommended. The "process" continues with the adjudicator ranking every recommended student by score first, with the 100's ahead of the 99's etc. If there are multiple students with the same qualifying score, the adjudicator must list those students in a proficiency order based on his or her evaluation of all performances. This year over 2400 students received scores of 98 or higher and were recommended for All-State consideration. At the end of the festival the All-State adjudicator gives their completed paperwork to the NYSSMA Zone Representative who then matches the adjudication sheet with the student's completed application form and forwards them, along with the proficiency sheet to the appropriate All-State Chairperson.

Late in June, the "process" continues when selection committees are convened. The committees are made up of NYSSMA members from virtually every zone in the state. These committee members are charged with the monumental task of sorting through the proficiency lists from every festival and compiling a statewide master proficiency list for each instrument and voice part. Numerical scores and ranking on the local proficiency sheet are of primary importance in developing the master proficiency lists. After all recommended candidates are sorted numerically, a number of other factors are used in determining the final placement of students on the master proficiency list. The All-State Selection Committee reviews (in no specific priority): member school music teacher recommendations, adjudicator recommendations, the candidate's previous NYSSMA Solo ratings, grade in school, zone representation, participation in the previous year's All-State, and participation in other performing organizations. In the process of developing the master proficiency list, no qualified candidate on a local proficiency list may be passed over for another student on that list. In addition, committee members are instructed that all music literature from the NYSSMA Manual Level VI repertoire lists must be given equal consideration in the candidate selection process.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MADILYN CONNOR SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE ALL-STATE SYMPHONIC BAND CONTINUED

After the master proficiency list has been established for each instrument and voice part, the "process" continues with each successful candidate assigned to positions in one of the eight All-State performing ensembles. In cases where a candidate is selected for more than one ensemble, acceptance letters are sent for each group and the choice of ensemble is given to the student.

In late August, all selected students and alternates are notified by mail and asked to return acceptance forms. Music and instructions from the All-State Chairs and conductors are mailed to the successful candidates on October 15. Students are expected to prepare their All-State music with as much care and attention to detail as was given in preparation for their audition the previous spring.

Madilyn received a perfect 100 on her flute solo (Il Carnavale di Venezia by Briccialdi) in May of last school year, which qualified her for selection. Amongst hundreds of qualified flutists, Madilyn was one of just 13 flutes chosen across New York State to participate in the Symphonic Band (in a typical year, there are 2 band ensembles, but due to COVID they have eliminated one band this year). Madilyn is in the top half of the flute section and will be auditioning for her seat in November. In Mrs. Bonney's 20 year tenure at West Canada Valley, she has never had a student who was chosen for this great achievement and she couldn't be more proud of Madilyn's accomplishment and hard work. The concert will take place in Rochester the weekend of December 2nd-5th at the Eastman Theatre.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened on October 1 for the 2022-2023 college school year. Seniors and their parents/guardians may now begin filing.

Herkimer College will be hosting a FAFSA Workshop on Saturday, November 20 at 2:00 PM. The workshop is free and open to the public, and students need not be planning to enroll at Herkimer College in order to attend. Seniors have been sent the information on how to register for the event in their Google Classrooms. To learn more about registering or about the event you can contact Herkimer's Financial Aid Office by emailing finaid@herkimer.edu or by calling 315-866-0300 x 8243.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Mohawk Valley Community College
Representatives from Mohawk Valley Community College will be coming to WCV on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 12:00pm for Instant Admit Day. Any seniors planning to apply to Mohawk Valley should sign up in the guidance office to meet with representatives.

Herkimer County Community College
Representatives from Herkimer College will also be coming to WCV (date TBD). Any seniors considering attending Herkimer College in the fall should see their counselor to sign up to meet with representatives.

SPRING SAT DATES

Juniors interested in applying to 4 year colleges that require standardized test scores for admissions are encouraged to take the SATs and/or ACTs in the spring of junior year and again in the fall of their senior year. Students often improve their scores after their first experience with the test. To register for the SATs, visit www.collegeboard.org and choose your desired exam date and location. Visit www.act.org to register for the ACTs.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	March 1, 2022	March 1, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022	April 26, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022	May 25, 2022

SPRING ACT DATES

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Window (Late Fee Required)
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many local scholarships will become available after the new year. Seniors are notified each time a scholarship is received by the school on their Guidance Google Classroom page.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2021 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Patrick Fountain – Government, Ms. Venettozzi - Patrick is off to a good start for his senior year. Every morning he comes into our government class with a good attitude and is ready to work. I am especially proud that he volunteered to complete AND present one of his current event assignments early. Keep up the good work Pat!

Aden Greene – Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Aden has put forth a great effort in class from day one. His assignments are neatly completed and he is always well prepared and ready to learn. His hard work and outstanding participation make him my student of the month. Excelente trabajo Aden. Keep it up.

Alizabeth Hull - Math 7, Ms. Goggin - Alizabeth has proven to be a very dedicated math student. She is a hard worker and not afraid to ask questions. Alizabeth is always willing to participate in class discussions and help out her classmates. Keep up the great work!

Penny Johnston - H.S. Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Penny is an excellent role model for her classmates. She is always on time and prepared for class. Penny strives for excellence and it shows in her work. Keep up the good work!

Nathaniel Lopez - Physical Education, Mr. Ludwin - I am nominating Nate because he always brings an overwhelmingly positive attitude to class every day. He puts in a great effort each class and is a fun student to be around, which rubs off on others in the class and also motivates them to try harder. Keep up the great work Nate!

Aruna Pellani - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Aruna did an excellent job on the World/US/NYS geography Unit. Keep up the great work.

Michael Ray - English 11, Mrs. Ackman - Mike has been very attentive in class, is participating well, and is doing all his work. He is enthusiastic about his independent reading book too. Mike's positive attitude and pleasant demeanor helps make the class a good one. Keep it up, Mike. Proud of you!

Victoria Rozyla - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Whether at home or in class, Victoria is a stellar student. She comes to every class on time, prepared, and ready to learn and she always asks questions to ensure she understands. She displays excellent effort in all that she does. She is an excellent role model for other students!

John Tolpa - English 9, Ms. Downing - John was remote for the first week of school and he not only stayed on top of his work but got ahead on it. Since returning to school he has constantly participated in class and I am always impressed by the effort he gives. He is a great student.

WCV ATHLETICS NEWS

GRABOWSKI BREAKS DIVING RECORD

Congratulations to Freshman Ana Grabowski! Ana broke the school's 38 year old diving record with a score of 191 on September 28th at Holland Patent. The previous record of 176.35 points was set by Fairfield's Tracy Swartz in the fall of 1983. Congratulations to Tracy Swartz for proudly holding the record for the last 38 years and best of luck to Ana over the next couple of seasons as she attempts to extend her own record!

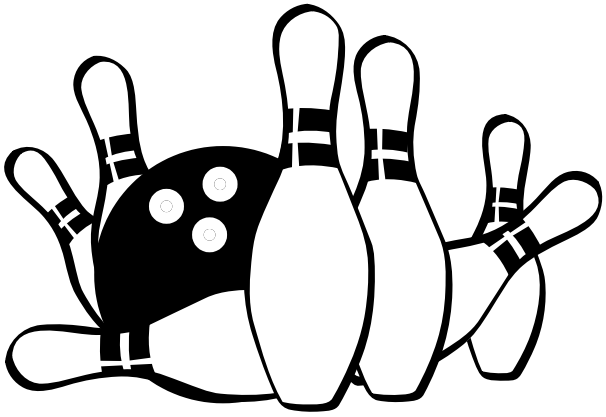


BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Start time
11/30	Sherburne-Earlville	4:00 PM
12/7	Adirondack	4:00 PM
12/9	@ Holland Patent	4:00 PM
12/14	@ Little Falls	4:00 PM
12/16	@ New York Mills	4:00 PM
12/21	Herkimer	4:00 PM
1/6	@ Clinton	4:00 PM
1/13	@ Adirondack	4:00 PM
1/18	Holland Patent	4:00 PM
1/20	Little Falls	4:00 PM
1/25	New York Mills	4:00 PM
1/27	@ Herkimer	4:00 PM

BOYS & GIRLS INDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Location
12/3	Utica College
12/10	Utica College
12/17	Utica College
1/7	Utica College
1/14	Utica College
1/21	Utica College
1/28	Utica College



WCV ATHLETICS NEWS

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Start time
11/23	Clinton	5:30 PM
11/27	@ Waterville	11:30 PM
12/2	Mount Markham	7:00 PM
12/4	@ Unatego	2:30 PM
12/7	Westmoreland	7:00 PM
12/14	Herkimer	7:00 PM
12/17	@ Dolgeville	7:00 PM
12/21	Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
12/29	Boosters Holiday Tournament	TBD
12/30	Boosters Holiday Tournament	TBD
1/4	@ Richfield Springs	7:00 PM
1/7	@ Mount Markham	7:00 PM
1/11	New York Mills	7:00 PM
1/13	@ Westmoreland	7:00 PM
1/15	Delaware Academy	TBD
1/20	Cooperstown	7:00 PM
1/24	@ Cooperstown	7:00 PM
1/27	@ Herkimer	7:00 PM
1/31	Dolgeville	7:00 PM
2/2	@ Adirondack	7:00 PM
2/4	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
2/12	@ New York Mills	1:00 PM

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Start time
11/23	@ Holland Patent	5:30 PM
11/27	Boosters Tip-Off Tournament	TBD
11/28	Boosters Tip-Off Tournament	TBD
12/2	@ Hamilton	7:00 PM
12/9	@ Adirondack	7:00 PM
12/13	Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
12/17	Dolgeville	7:00 PM
12/20	@ Herkimer	7:00 PM
12/22	@ Little Falls	7:00 PM
12/30	@ Madison	2:30 PM
1/3	Madison	7:00 PM
1/6	Little Falls	7:00 PM
1/10	Oriskany	7:00 PM
1/12	@ Oriskany	7:00 PM
1/14	Poland	7:00 PM
1/19	Hamilton	7:00 PM
1/25	Adirondack	7:00 PM
1/28	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
2/1	@ Dolgeville	7:00 PM
2/4	Herkimer	7:00 PM
2/11	@ Poland	7:30 PM

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

WINTER WEATHER BUS SCHEDULE REMINDER

On bad weather days and we still have school; the buses may leave the garage a little earlier to get to their routes. The students that are the first on the bus should be ready 5 to 10 minutes earlier. The students at the end of the run may see their bus arrive 5 to 10 minutes late. This will all vary due to road conditions. Please try to help the bus drivers out on those bad weather days by being patient and understanding.

THINGS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
- The loading and unloading area is called the “Danger Zone”.
- The “Danger Zone” is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (15 feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, 15 feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver’s blind spot, and the area behind the bus).
- Half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related accidents are children between 5 and 7 years old.
- Young children are most likely to be struck because they:
  - Hurry to get on and off the bus
  - Act before they think and have little experience with traffic
  - Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the road
  - Don’t always stay within the bus driver’s sight

THINGS STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. Stay out of the danger zone.
- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up yourself!
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the road.
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic. When you get on or off the bus, look left, right, left before you exit the bus and before you enter or cross the road.
- When the driver says it is safe to cross the road, remember to cross in front of the bus.
- Stay in your seat and sit quietly so that the driver is not distracted.
- Our school buses have seat belts. We urge you to use them. Learn to use them correctly.

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Calendar

Nov 11
Veterans Day
Nov 12 Evacuation Drill
Elem 11:30 MS/HS 10:30
Nov 22-23 Parent Conf
Elem 11:30 dismissal
Nov 24-26
Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 23-31
Winter Recess
Jan 3
Classes Resume
Jan 17
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 28 Regents Rating Day
No School MS/HS, Elem
11:30 Dismissal
Feb 21-25
Mid-Winter Recess

Don't forget to check the West Canada Valley website for the most up to date information about sporting events, upcoming meetings, or current happenings at the school!

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