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Elementary SEL Program (Social Emotional Learning)

The kick off to the SEL/Summer Camp Program was a huge success! Approximately 25 students participated in this program. Some of the fun-filled activities included arts and crafts, directive drawing, slip and slide days, and outdoor activities using playground and gym equipment. If you asked the teachers what they like best, they would overwhelmingly say the competitive volleyball game of teachers versus students.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ms.Tina, Mrs. Hollie Wolanski and Ms. Jodi Carnwright. Because of their love for children, students had a pizza party and then enjoyed an interactive walk on the nature trail with Dozer, the therapy dog, and play time with the goats. At the end of our busy days, many students requested a calming meditation session.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Christiano
Mrs. West
Mrs. Farber
Mrs. Karram
Miss Kinsella - Student Teacher at Utica University

Please see additional photos on page 4.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. DJ Shepardson

Welcome Back

I sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer. The 2023-2024 school year is rapidly approaching and soon the building will be filled with students and staff ready to begin the educational year at West Canada Valley. As always district staff have been working diligently on curriculum and instruction this summer in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. As a district, we continue to annually review our instructional offerings to provide the best foundational programing for our students. For the first time, West Canada Valley will be offering a full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten program instructed by members of the WCV instructional staff. This program is offered to 4-year old students in the district and will only help to jumpstart early education in the district. The district also works alongside our regional support to expand graduation pathway options that meet the needs of all students.

As always, the district will continue to review and seek strategies to maximize opportunities for our students. With summer break coming to a close, the district is looking forward to welcoming back all of our students including the Class of 2024. Please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer as we look forward to seeing you at the many great events this school year.

Communication

The district is always seeking more efficient strategies to communicate with students, parents, and the community. During the past few years we have made improvements to our newsletter, added social media, enhanced our webpage, and implemented phone/text connections to relay announcements and emergency information. In addition, the SchoolTool Parent and Student Portals are fully operational, along with Parent Square. This will allow parents/guardians consistent access to their child's grades, progress reports, and important announcements.

Transportation

The transportation portion of the newsletter provides information on how you can obtain the pick-up and drop off times for your children. **As a reminder, bus loop in the elementary is for buses only. All vehicles must use the drop-off area located in the parking lot. If a vehicle is located in the bus loop you will be asked to immediately move to the designated parking areas. Your cooperation with the traffic pattern is certainly appreciated.** In addition, please remember to sign in at the main office once you gain access through the secure entrances located in both the elementary and high school buildings.

Parking

Throughout the school year, we hope you take advantage of the many great events that we have scheduled on campus. For most if not all events, we have enough parking spaces available at the parking lot near the main entrance and in front of the elementary school. Please note; parking in identified fire lanes and on the lawn is prohibited. This will assist the district in maintaining the safety and appearance of the campus for years to come.

Appreciation

I would again like to thank members of the community for the ongoing support provided to the West Canada Valley School District. The many educational opportunities students have would not be possible without your support. The West Canada Valley School District has a beautiful campus that provides a safe/secure location for the students in this community.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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On a personal note, I want to thank everyone in this community for providing me with an opportunity to work in this district for the past 25 years. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity and will miss coming to work here each day. I am happy to announce that Mr. Ronald Wheelock, retired superintendent, will be the interim leader of the district beginning October 1st. He brings a great deal of leadership experience allowing the district to complete a thorough search for the next Superintendent of Schools.

Once again, thank you for your support and enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,
D.J. Shepardson, Superintendent of Schools

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

INTERIM ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

I was very happy and pleased to have been named the Interim Elementary Principal in the West Canada School District. I began on July 5th and will be here through September 30th .

If my name looks familiar, it is - because I served as the Interim Elementary Principal here from January 5 through June 30, 2015. Following that I was Interim Elementary Principal at Poland Central for the first half of 2015-2016 school year. In addition to those elementary experiences, I have supervised SUNY Oneonta student teachers for the past 3 years and observed them in elementary classrooms.

The West Canada academic programs are very well respected throughout the valley and the region. I hope that in some small way I can contribute to their growth and continued success aswell as supporting the already positive, caring and nurturing environment.

I am looking forward to working again with the students, teachers and staff of West Canada Valley Elementary School, meeting the families of the school district and collaborating with the administrative team of Mr. Shepardson and Mr. Broadbent and the Board of Education.

Mr. Jon Speich

OPENING SCHOOL/MORNING PROGRAM

The first day of school for all students is **Thursday, September 7th**. We will begin our Morning Program for K-2 students on Monday, September 11th. This year, we will be allowing visitors to attend Morning Program on Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents of students receiving an award will be notified prior to the date the award is given. The theme for this year is “Welcome to The Wild Wild West Canada”.

PRE-K VISITATION DAY

Pre-K Visitation Day will be the first two days of school **September 7 and 8**. Your child will be scheduled to come in on one of those days for an hour and a half visit with the teacher. Each child will be allowed two visitors and you should have already received your letter in the mail if not contact the office. During the visit, the teacher will go over important classroom procedures and explain what to expect this year to look like in Pre-K. Please note this is NOT a regular school day for Pre-K students. Students will come with their visitors and stay the hour and a half. **Our regular Pre-K schedule will begin on Monday September 11.**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAY

It's time for the next step of your child's transition into kindergarten! We would like to invite you to join your child for Kindergarten Visitation Day on **Thursday, September 7th** for a one hour visit with the teacher (2 visitors per student). During the visit, the teacher will go over important classroom procedures and explain what to expect this year to look like in kindergarten. Please note this is NOT a regular school day for kindergarten students. Students will come with their visitors and stay the hour. **Our regular kindergarten schedule will begin on Friday September 8th.** Please feel free to contact the office with any questions you may have.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our fall parent teacher conferences will take place on **November 20th and 21st**. These dates will be half days for elementary students. Teachers will send out information with the date and time in early November. We appreciate parents taking time to visit and discuss their children's education.

OPEN HOUSE/TITLE 1 MEETING

Elementary Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 14th**. Open House is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and learn about classroom expectations and procedures. Parents and students are welcome to visit classrooms from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Our literacy specialists will be providing information on our Title 1 funded intervention plan. The information will provide parents will valuable information regarding our Response to Intervention (RTI) Program. Both of our literacy specialists will be available to answer any questions you may have.

SEL PROGRAM PHOTOS







ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER STEM PROGRAM

Summer STEM was a huge success! Teamwork was important as Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Maine challenged students to build solar ovens, cars, egg drop contraptions, catapults and so much more. The groups also took trips to The Energy Zone and climbed Kane Mountain.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer with their families. I am extremely excited to begin another year as the Middle/High School Principal and can't thank all of you enough for your support. This year will be an exciting year as we choose our new mascot. We are also excited about welcoming several new teachers to the district.

Students will again be provided one-to-one Chromebooks this school year. With that being said, I ask that you assist us with preventing damage to Chromebooks. The district will no longer be utilizing the Blackboard calling system, but instead will be using ParentSquare as the district's primary notification system to communicate with families and staff. We will be using StudentSquare as well this year for our seventh through twelfth grade students. Students in seventh and eighth grade will need parental permission to join. A permission form will be sent through ParentSquare.

I look forward to seeing all the students on September 7th. Please don't hesitate to call me at (315) 845-6800 with questions or concerns.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE/TITLE 1 MEETING
September 28th
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Sincerely,
Glenn M. Broadbent
Middle School/High School Principal

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

STUDENT/COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENT

Student counselor assignments remain the same as previous years for academic purposes: Student last names A-K are assigned to Mrs. Wood, and student last names L-Z are assigned to Mrs. Conklin.

Students are always welcome to speak with either counselor. We will continue using the "WCV Guidance Class of" google classrooms frequently for communicating opportunities and announcements throughout the year. If you or your parents/guardians do not currently have access to the page and would like an invite, please reach out to either counselor.

Mrs. Rebecca Wood (A-K)
rwood@westcanada.org
315-845-6800 x3353

Mrs. Kady Conklin (L-Z)
kconklin@westcanada.org
315-845-6800 x3353

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

7th and 8th grade students are invited to orientation on Tuesday, August 29. There will be a kickball game at 5:00pm with 7th and 8th grade teachers. 7th grade students will then meet in the auditorium to learn more about middle school, including academic requirements, schedule information, and testing information. Students will also receive their assigned Chromebooks, have the opportunity to tour the middle/high school, and open their lockers. 8th grade students will receive their Chromebooks and schedules during the time 7th graders are in the auditorium.

Middle School Orientation Tuesday, August 29, 2022		
Time	7th Grade	8th Grade
5:00pm	Student/Teacher kickball game on softball field	
6:00pm	Academic presentation & schedules (HS Auditorium)	Chromebook, schedule, and locker pick up (HS Library)
6:30pm	Chromebook pick up (HS Library)	Teachers/counselors available for questions
Before Leaving	Lockers & building tour	

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

FALL PSAT

The PSAT will be offered at WCV on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, and is open to all juniors and sophomores who have passed Algebra I CC. Interested students should contact their counselor to sign up for the test no later than Friday, September 8. Students are also encouraged to view the Student Test Guide at the following link: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION AND MILITARY ENTRANCE EXAM

The ASVAB exam can be used as either a military entrance exam or as a tool for career exploration. Please note that WCV does not release scores to the military. Students are responsible for providing their scores to recruiters, if applicable. Students interested in taking the ASVAB Exam must sign up with your counselor. For more information, visit https://www.asvabprogram.com/.

ASVAB Exam
Date & Time: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 8:00 AM
Location: West Canada Valley CSD

SATs & ACTs

Fall SAT Dates (visit collegeboard.org to register)		
Test Date	**Registration Deadline**	**Late Registration Deadline**
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023	September 26, 2023
November 4, 2023	October 5, 2023	October 24, 2023
December 2, 2023	November 2, 2023	November 21, 2023

Fall ACT Dates (visit act.org to register)		
Test Date	**Registration Deadline**	**Late Registration Deadline**
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The FAFSA is important to complete if you are a high school senior applying for college. The FAFSA can be completed beginning October 1, 2023 at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Herkimer College hosts multiple financial aid workshops each year, typically beginning in November. Upcoming dates are to be announced. Herkimer College also offers individual appointments to help students and families complete the FAFSA, even if the student does not plan to attend Herkimer College. Call 315-866-0300 for more information.

2024 AP Exam Schedule

(All AP exams take place at WCV during the school day)

AP Exam	Test Date
AP English Literature and Composition (Seniors)	Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 AM
AP United States History	Friday, May 10, 8:00 AM
AP Calculus AB	Monday, May 13, 8:00 AM
AP English Language and Composition (Juniors)	Tuesday, May 14, 8:00 AM

SCHOLARSHIPS

Numerous scholarships are available to seniors through the generous support of many individuals and organizations in our community. A few scholarships will be available this fall, but the majority will be posted in the spring, so it is important to keep checking throughout the entire year. All students are encouraged to consider applying for these scholarships, as not all require applicants to be college-bound, and many do not have minimum GPA requirements. Scholarships will be presented at the **2024 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 29**. Your counselors maintain a rolling spreadsheet of all available scholarships, including the name, description, eligibility criteria, and due date of each scholarship. This information is shared with seniors in several ways:

1. Posted in the WCV Guidance Class of 2024 google classroom
2. Email update through google classroom
3. Posted in the window of the guidance office (located in the senior locker wing)
4. Printed copies of the spreadsheet are available in the guidance office upon request

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MAY 2023 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Alivia Blando - *Art 8, Mrs. Sayers* - Alivia is an excellent artist. She is a great role model for other students and her work has been consistent. She is a joy to have in class.

Glenn Broadbent - *Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski* - Glenn is a pleasure to have in class. Throughout the year, he has put forth an outstanding effort in all areas of the class. His participation is great and very well appreciated. He does not only practice his speaking in class, but first thing in the morning, he greets me in Spanish. Glenn is a very polite and excellent role model student ¡Fantástico!

Mackenzie Christiano - *Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman* - Mackenzie is one of the hardest workers that I know. She shows up every day ready to give it her best. She makes an effort to participate in class, and is always polite and respectful. Great job, Mackenzie!

Cuyler Colony - *ELA 8, Ms. Buckley* - Cuyler has been consistently focused, polite, kind, and attentive all year long. She has amazed me, and brought me to tears, with her writing abilities. She provides thought-provoking answers and analysis during class, and is extremely competent in all skills related to ELA. I can't wait to see what the future has in store for Cuyler!

Reese Fellows - *College Now Drawing & Painting, Mrs. Sayers* - Reese is an excellent artist! She isn't afraid to ask questions and always takes guidance with her art. She is a wonderful student & a joy to have in class.

Katie Gorinshek – *Geometry, Mrs. Smith* - I could not let this year go by without recognizing Katie's STELLAR math skills. She is one of the STRONGEST math students I have ever had. Her knowledge of math is OUTSTANDING! In addition, she is hard working and respectful which makes her an all-around model student. It has been a true pleasure having her in class this year!

Madalyn Gross - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Madalyn goes above and beyond to achieve the best possible grades she can. She takes advantage of every opportunity she has to improve her work, and she is not satisfied until she meets all the expectations to earn the highest grade possible. Madalyn is driven and determined to succeed. She is a great student!

Elizabeth Hughes - *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Lizzy is a fantastic artist & has really been putting in the effort lately. She has been working on art at home as well as in class. She is also always willing to do extra credit and try out different art mediums.

Payton Jackson – *Sculpture, Mrs. Sayers* - Payton is an excellent artist and wonderful student. She always asks questions and takes critique and direction well. She is an excellent role model for other students.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MAY 2023 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Kaylin Keiffer - *Science 8, Ms. Rose* - Kaylin has gone from the middle of the pack in science to a leader. Her consistent hard work and dedication continues to pay off. Awesome job Kaylin!

Nyssa Lopez - *Graphic Arts, Mrs. Sayers* - Nyssa is an excellent student and a great artist. She always puts effort into her work. She is an excellent role model for other students.

Emma Macrina - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - Emma is an excellent student. She is always focused during class and has a positive attitude. She never hesitates to reach out for help to make sure she fully understands the material and completes her assignments thoroughly. Emma cares about her schoolwork and is determined to do well. It has been a pleasure to have Emma as a student!

Gianna Macrina - *Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs* - Gianna has been a pleasure to have in class. She tries her best and completes work in a timely manner. Aside from class, I have gotten to know Gianna as a member of the girls bowling team. There is no doubt that she will succeed next year in 8th grade. Enjoy your summer and be safe.

McKenna Maxwell - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - McKenna is a very hardworking student. I am always impressed by the amount of effort she puts into her work, and she never hesitates to ask for help when she is struggling. Her writing has improved significantly this year as well. Great work, McKenna!

Angelina Polidori - *Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Angelina is an amazing artist and excellent student. She excels in art class and is a great role model for others. She has been consistent all year in her projects and always strives for the best.

Tara Quayle - *Advanced Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Tara is an excellent student and a fantastic artist. She always strives to make her art projects better and improve upon her art. She takes direction well and isn't afraid to ask questions and she is a joy to have in class.

Victoria Rozyla - *Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin* - Victoria is one of the hardest working students in Algebra I this school year. She is always trying to better understand the material we are learning and comes to class with questions on a daily basis. It is obvious that Victoria is putting forth extra effort outside of the classroom. I am continuously impressed with her dedication to learning. It has been a pleasure having you as a student this year, Victoria!

Chandler Smith – *Math, Ms. Hummel* - Chandler has a great sense of personality, and is always willing to learn or participate. Chandler has come to my room during study hall multiple times for help on homework or notes. I love Chandler's enthusiasm!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MAY 2023 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Alexia Stofanak - *Algebra I CC, Mrs. Goggin* - Taking a high school level Regents course as an 8th grader is often difficult for many students but this is not the case for Lexi. She has constantly pushed herself this school year and she is flourishing. I am so proud of how hard you worked this year, Lexi. I have truly enjoyed having you as a student. Congratulations!

Kaylee Usyk - *ELA 9, Ms. Downing* - Kaylee is committed to her schoolwork and cares about doing well. She is constantly engaged and focused during class. She participates and is willing to answer challenging questions, even if she is not confident that her answers are correct. She cares about improving her skills and applies my feedback, asking for help to make sure she meets my expectations. Kaylee has been an asset to our class this year!

David Valasek - *Math, Mrs. Smith* -David comes to class ready and willing to learn. He works hard during class and always asks questions to ensure understanding. He has even come in during his free time to prepare for tests and quizzes. I am super proud of David's work ethic this year and look forward to having him in Geometry next year!

Caitlyn Vriesen- *College Now Drawing & Painting, Mrs. Sayers* - Caitlyn is an excellent student and a wonderful artist. She is always willing to push through a challenge and sticks with her art even when it gets tough. She is an excellent role model for others in class.

Lorelai Walker - *ELA 10, Ms. Downing* - Lorelai is a great student and puts full effort into all of her work. She comes in each day ready to learn and often gets ahead of her peers because she is so focused in class. Lorelai cares about learning and uses my feedback to keep improving her skills. She has a great work ethic!

Brooklynn Williams - *Advanced Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers* - Brooklynn is a wonderful student. She is always willing to challenge herself with art projects. She takes direction well and isn't afraid to ask questions.



NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS– RELEASE OF INFORMATION (FERPA/DIRECTORY INFORMATION)

You should know the school district's procedure/policy on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the release of directory information. Directory information includes, but is not limited to, the student's name; address; telephone listing; electronic mail address; photograph; date and place of birth; major field of study; grade level; enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time); dates of attendance; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; degrees, honors, and awards received; and the most recent educational agency or institution attended. Under this law, directory information may be released without prior parental consent to third parties, including military recruiters, upon request. To prevent this information from being provided to third parties, a separate request should be submitted to the school district by **October 1st, 2023** indicating that your child's information should **not** be included in the school district's directory. If you make such a request, no directory information will be released with respect to your child unless you provide specific consent for the same. (The school district's annual notification for FERPA rights will be mailed to each student's household.)

Federal legislation requires the school district to give United States Armed Forces recruiters the same access to secondary students, as we generally provide to post-secondary schools and prospective employers. The law also requires that we give military recruiters the names, addresses, and telephone listings of secondary students upon request, unless the student or parent/guardian has requested that such information not be released without prior written parental consent. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that you have the right to request that the school district not release the name, address and telephone listing of your child to military recruiters without your prior written consent. If this is your desire, please provide the principal's office with a signed letter indicating such by **October 1st, 2023**.

PESTICIDE SPRAYING

During the school year, we are no longer allowed to spray pesticides on our playgrounds or ball fields unless the board declares an emergency situation. In the unlikely event that this should happen, schools are required to maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive notification on any pesticide application, 48 hours prior to the application. If you are interested in being on the list, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher. You will be asked at the beginning of each school year as to whether you would like to be included on the list. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Maxwell, Pesticide Representative at 315-845-6800 ext 3404.

I am the Parent or Guardian of: _____

WCVS Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

DISTRICT NEWS

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Physical Examinations

Physicals are acceptable that have been performed no longer than 12 months prior to September 7, 2023. A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from the start of school. New York State Law requires a physical examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K, K, 1 st , 3rd , 5th , 7th , 9th and 11th grade.

Immunizations

New York State mandates students entering the grades listed are required to have the following vaccines. These vaccines are required to be completed within 14 days from the start of school, unless otherwise noted below.

- **Entering Grade 6:** Tdap vaccine. This vaccine is required at age 11. If your child does not turn 11 until after September 7th , 2023 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this vaccine.

- **Entering Grade 7:** Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine.

- **Entering Grade 12:** 2 nd dose of the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine unless the 1 st dose was given at age 16 or older. The 2nd dose of the vaccine is to be given at age 16, if your child does not turn 16 until after September 7, 2023 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this vaccine.

Medications

If your child will require any medication(s) for the upcoming school year a doctors' order MUST be on file with the health office. Forms can be found on the schools website under Health Services.
If you have any questions please feel free to contact either:

***Angie Lyon*, RN**
Elementary School Nurse
alyon@westcanada.org
Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 1152

***Danielle Dutcher*, RN**
Middle/High School Nurse
ddutcher@westcanada.org
Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 3352

DISTRICT NEWS

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

I would like to start with welcoming everyone back to another school year here at WCV. Listed below are a few reminders that help us here in the transportation department.

1. Have a new phone number? Please contact the school so we can update our files. In the event of an emergency situation current phone numbers are very important.

2. Please make sure someone is home for elementary students when the bus arrives in the afternoon.

3. Bus discipline issues are serious. Do not hesitate to contact either the Principal or myself with your concerns.

4. Please refrain from the practice of following a bus to take a child off, or to let a child get on the bus. It can be very dangerous when students walk along the side of a bus and the driver is unaware.

6. My bus is early...My bus is late....The first week of school can be frustrating for all. As the first few days of school pass the bus runs will settle down to actual times and should run within plus or minus 5 minutes weather permitting.

6. State law: Never pass a stopped school bus that has its red lights flashing. This law applies in the school yard as well. Violators will be prosecuted.

Thank You,
Felix Ray
Transportation Supervisor

fray@westcanada.org
School phone number: 315 845-6800
Elementary office: Ext 1100
High School office: Ext 3300
Transportation Department: Ext 3401



DISTRICT NEWS

CAFETERIA CORNER

Hi everyone,

This upcoming School year is approaching quickly. This year we will continue to provide our students with breakfast and lunch meals, free of charge. WCV continues to offer this through approval of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Each student will be able to select foods at breakfast and lunch to meet NYS and USDA set requirements for a Complete Reimbursable Meal.

With that said, I encourage all families in our school district to fill out the CEP Household Income form that is available on the school website or in this newsletter.

These completed forms impact various other services for your family and WCV:

- They help provide essential funding for our School District directly into your student's classroom
- Receive discounted utilities and internet access
- Become eligible for fee waivers for college applications & admissions tests (i.e. SATs, ACTs, AP)
- Receive benefits regardless of citizenship status

Your information is not shared at school and is kept secure. If your income status has changed, or your student qualified for Free or reduced meals in the past, please consider updating your status.

We will also offer A 'la Carte foods and snacks that can be purchased. Many families have set up accounts on the My School Bucks website (https://www.myschoolbucks.com). This helps eliminate students from carrying cash with them and keeps you in control of how much your student can spend at school for extra food.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Nutrition Program, please contact me:

315-845-6800 ext. 3360 or send an e-mail sbutler@westcanada.org.

Looking forward to providing healthy nutritious and delicious meals to your children again this year!

Shelby Butler
Food Service Director

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)/Provision 2 non-base year
Household Income Eligibility Form

_____*(name/school)* is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 in a non-base year. All children in the school will receive meals/milk at no charge regardless of household income or completion of this form. This form is to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for. Read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and return it to the school named above. Call _____(school *phone number)*, if you need help.

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	No Income
			☐	☐
			☐	☐
			☐	☐
			☐	☐
			☐	☐
			☐	☐

2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:
If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Then skip to Part 4.

Name: _____ CASE #_____

3. Household Gross Income: List all people living in your household, how much and how often they are paid (weekly, every other week, twice per month, monthly). Do not leave income blank. If no income, check box. If you have listed a foster child above, you must report their personal income.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions ***Amount / How Often***	Child Support, Alimony ***Amount / How Often***	Pensions, Retirement Payments ***Amount / How Often***	Other Income, Social Security ***Amount / How Often***	No Income
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐
	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	$ _____ / _____	☐

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application.

I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school may receive federal funds. The school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: Date:

Email Address:

Home Phone

Work Phone

Home Address

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster Income

Total Household Income/How Often:

Household Size:

Free Eligibility Reduced Eligibility Denied Eligibility

Signature of Reviewing Official

CEP/Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Form INSTRUCTIONS

PART 1	**ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE FORM FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.** (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one form. (2) List their grade and school. (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, and check the box for each child with no income.
PART 2	**HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.** (1) List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. Do not use the 16-digit number on your benefit card. The case number is provided on your benefit letter. (2) An adult household member must sign the form in PART 4. **SKIP PART 3** - Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number.
PARTS 3 & 4	**ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF PARTS 3 AND 4.** (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are completing the form for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people living in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space. (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. **Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box.** The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should **not** be considered as income for this program.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The District is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of student data and teacher and principal data and will follow all applicable laws and regulations for the handling and storage of this data in the District and when disclosing or releasing it to others, including, but not limited to, third-party contractors. The District adopts this policy to implement the requirements of Education Law Section 2-d and its implementing regulations, as well as to align the District's data privacy and security practices with the National Institute for Standards and Technology Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (Version 1.1).
Source: West Canada Valley Board Policy; 6.7.6. Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data

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SEPTEMBER

WCV MS/High School Breakfast

All Complete Breakfasts are Free of Charge For All Students.

A Complete Breakfast Includes:
1 cup Milk
1 cup Fruit and/or 100% fruit Juice
1 to 2 Grains

Available Daily:
1% and Fat Free Chocolate Milk
Variety Fresh or canned fruits and 100% Fruit Juice
Cold Cereal, Cereal Bars, PopTarts

Additional Foods may be purchased separately a la carte.

Menu is subject to change

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4	5	6	7 Variety Cold Cereal	8 French Toast Sticks
11 Warm Bagels With Cream cheese	12 Breakfast Sandwich on English Muffin	13 Variety Whole Grain Muffins	14 Mini Cinni	15 Warm Pretzel With Peanut Butter
18 Variety Cold Cereal	19 Breakfast Sandwich on Bagel	20 Waffles	21 Cinnamon Bun	22 Frudels
25 Whole Grain Glazed Donut Holes	26 Breakfast Pizza	27 Pancake on a Stick	28 Variety Whole Grain Muffins	29 Warm Bagels With Cream Cheese

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SEPTEMBER

WCV LUNCH
MS/High School

All Complete Lunches
are Free of Charge for All Students

A Complete Lunch includes at least 3 items:
(one must be Fruit or Vegetable)
Choices of Fruit and Vegetable
Whole Grains, Meat or Meat Alternative, 1% or Fat Free Milk.

*Variety of Fresh or canned Fruits, and Fruit Juices available daily

*Fresh Garden Salad available Tues. Wed. and Thursday

*Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich available Daily.

Additional a la Carte foods and Snacks sold separately.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 No School
4 Labor Day	**5** No School	**6** No School	**7** French Bread Pizza Chopped Romaine Salad Alt. Tuna Sandwich Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**8** All Beef Hot Dog on WG Bun Buttered Corn Alt. Egg Salad Sandwich Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin
11 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Broccoli Salad Alt. Tuna in Pita Bread Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**12** Baked Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Celery Sticks Alt. Sliced Ham Sandwich Fruit+Cottage Cheese	**13** Tostito Tacos w/toppings Refried Beans Buttered Corn Alt. Egg Salad on Bun Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**14** Homemade Pizza Tossed Salad Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Alt. Sliced Turkey Sandwich Fruit+Cottage Cheese	**15** Cheeseburger on WG Bun Sweet Potato Fries Side Salad Alt. Tuna in Pita Bread Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin
18 Chicken Caesar Pasta Salad w/ Croutons Bosco Stick Alt. Tuna in Pita Bread Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**19** Meatball Hero Fresh Zucchini Parmesan Carrot Sticks Alt. Sliced Ham Sandwich Fruit+Cottage Cheese	**20** Beef Tacos With Toppings Refried Beans Buttered Corn Alt. Egg Salad Sandwich Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**21** Cheese Pizza Mixed Greens Salad w/Cucumbers Garlic Knots Alt. Sliced Turkey Sandwich Fruit+Cottage Cheese	**22** <u>Brunch</u> Pancakes **or** Cheese Omlete Hash Browns Sausage Patty Yogurt+Granola
25 PopCorn Chicken WG Dinner roll Roasted Potato Wedges Fresh Veggie Salad Alt. Tuna in a Pita Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**26** Ham and Cheese Melt on WG Roll Sweet Potato Fries Cucumber slices Alt. Sliced Turkey Sandwich Fruit+Cottage Cheese	**27** Chicken/Cheese/Bean Enchiladas w/ Rice Side Salad Corn Alt. Egg Salad Sandwich Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin	**28** Homemade Pizza Chopped Romaine Salad Carrot Sticks Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Alt. Sliced Ham Sandwich Fruit+Cottage Cheese	**29** BBQ Pork Rib on WG Bun Smile Fries Green Beans Alt. Tuna in Pita Bread Fruit+Yogurt+Muffin

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SEPTEMBER

WCV ELEMENTARY Breakfast

All Complete Breakfasts are Free of Charge For Students.

A Complete Breakfast Includes:
1 cup Milk
1 cup Fruit and/or 100% fruit Juice
1 to 2 Grains

Meals are "Grab and GO" for Elementary students when they arrive at school.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4	5	6	7 Variety Cold Cereal	8 Mini French Toast
11 Warm Bagels With Cream cheese	12 Frudel	13 Variety Whole Grain Muffins	14 Mini Cinni	15 PopTarts
18 Variety Cold Cereal	19 Mini French Toast	20 Whole Grain Cinnamon Bun	21 Yogurt and Scooby Snacks	22 Frudels
25 Whole Grain Glazed Donut Holes	26 Variety Cold Cereal	27 Mini Waffles	28 Variety Whole Grain Muffins	29 Warm Bagels With Cream Cheese

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SEPTEMBER

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A Complete Lunch includes at least 3 items (one must be Fruit or Vegetable) :
Choices of Fruit and Vegetable
Whole Grains, Meat or Meat Alternative,
1% or Fat Free Milk.

*Variety of Fresh or canned Fruits, and Fruit Juices available daily

*Fresh Garden Salad available Tues. Wed. and Thursday

*Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich available Daily.

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ATHLETICS NEWS

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Date	Opponents	Start time
8/31/23	@ Poland	11:00 AM
9/7/23	Oriskany	4:30 PM
9/9/23	Tournament Game #1	TBD
9/10/23	Tournament Game #2	TBD
9/13/23	@ Herkimer	7:00 PM
9/15/23	@ Little Falls	6:00 PM
9/19/23	Frankfort-Schuyler	4:30 PM
9/21/23	Dolgeville	4:30 PM
9/23/23	@ Hamilton	11:00 AM
9/25/23	@ Remsen	4:30 PM
9/30/23	@ Oriskany	1:00 PM
10/3/23	Hamilton	4:30 PM
10/5/23	Herkimer	4:30 PM
10/7/23	Remsen	11:00 AM
10/9/23	Little Falls	4:30 PM
10/11/23	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	6:00 PM
10/13/23	@ Dolgeville	7:00 PM

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponents	Start time
9/2/23	Ticonderoga	2:00 PM
9/9/23	New York Mills	12:00 PM
9/16/23	Frankfort-Schuyler	12:00 PM
9/23/23	@ Clinton	12:00 PM
9/30/23	Hamilton/Waterville	12:00 PM
10/7/23	South Lewis	12:00 PM
10/12/23	@ Sauquoit Valley	6:30 PM
10/21/23	@Cooperstown/Milford	12:00 PM





GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING

Date	Opponents	Start time
9/12/23	@ Holland Patent	4:30 PM
9/21/23	@ Utica Proctor	4:30 PM
9/26/23	@ Whitesboro	5:00 PM
9/28/23	Rome Free Academy	4:30 PM
10/3/23	@ New Hartford	5:00 PM
10/5/23	Holland Patent	4:30 PM
10/9/23	@ Adirondack	4:30 PM

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Visit the district's Schedule Galaxy page for updated schedule information.

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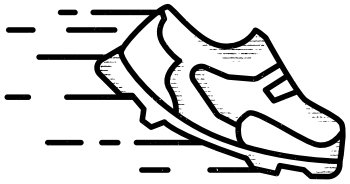
ATHLETICS NEWS

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponents	Start time
11/29/23	@ Hamilton	7:00 PM
12/4/23	Beaver River	7:00 PM
12/11/23	Dolgeville	7:00 PM
12/14/23	@ Westmoreland	7:00 PM
12/16/23	@ Unatego (Unatego/Franklin)	2:30 PM
12/18/23	@ Remsen	7:30 PM
12/21/23	Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
12/22/23	Tully	7:00 PM
12/27/23	Boosters Holiday Tournament	TBD
12/28/23	Boosters Holiday Tournament	TBD
1/4/24	@ Town of Webb UFSD	7:00 PM
1/9/24	Oriskany	7:00 PM
1/11/24	Hamilton	7:00 PM
1/15/24	@ Tully	3:30 PM
1/17/24	@ Oriskany	7:00 PM
1/23/24	@ Dolgeville	7:00 PM
1/25/24	Westmoreland	7:00 PM
1/30/24	Remsen	7:00 PM
2/2/24	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
2/6/24	Town of Webb UFSD	7:00 PM

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponents	Start time
11/25/23	Boosters Tip-Off	TBD
11/26/23	Boosters Tip-Off	TBD
11/29/23	@ Cooperstown	7:00 PM
12/5/23	@ Herkimer	7:00 PM
12/12/23	Dolgeville	7:00 PM
12/15/23	@ Westmoreland	7:00 PM
12/19/23	@ Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
1/3/24	Cooperstown	7:00 PM
1/5/24	Oriskany	7:00 PM
1/8/24	@ Utica Academy of Science	7:00 PM
1/13/24	Waterville	2:30 PM
1/16/24	Herkimer	7:00 PM
1/22/24	@ Dolgeville	7:00 PM
1/26/24	Westmoreland	7:00 PM
1/29/24	Frankfort-Schuyler	7:00 PM
2/1/24	@ Poland	7:00 PM
2/5/24	@ Oriskany	7:00 PM
2/8/24	Utica Academy of Science	7:00 PM
2/10/24	@ Waterville	2:30 PM
2/12/24	Poland	7:00 PM



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opponents	Start time
9/13/23	Oriskany, Dolgeville, Sauquoit Valley, Little Falls @ Westmoreland	4:30 PM
9/16/23	@ TBD	TBD
9/20/23	Waterville, Sherburne-Earlville, Hamilton @ Adirondack	4:30 PM
9/27/23	Clinton, Poland, Owen D. Young (Richfield/ODY)	4:30 PM
9/30/23	@ TBD	TBD
10/4/23	Canastota, Herkimer @ Mount Markham	4:30 PM
10/7/23	@ TBD	TBD
10/11/23	Cooperstown/Milford, Remsen/Town of Webb @ New York Mills	4:30 PM

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Principal

Calendar

August 29th
Middle School Orientation

September 5th & 6th
Superintendent
Conference Days

September 7th
First Day of School

October 6th
Early Evacuation Drill
MS/HS - 2pm
Elementary - 3pm