

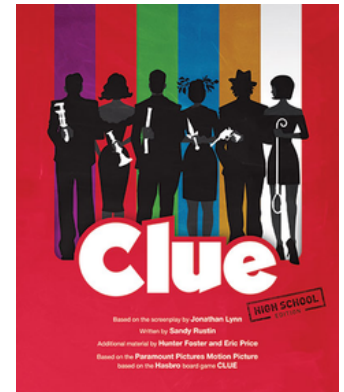


HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2025

DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

The West Canada Valley Drama Club will be presenting the stage play *CLUE* on Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29 at 7 pm in the West Canada Valley High School auditorium. This hilarious murder/mystery is written by Sandy Rustin and based on a screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, as well as on the popular Hasbro board game *CLUE*. It is produced by special arrangement with Playscripts. Inc.



The plot of this intriguing mystery unfolds as key members of elite Washington DC society are invited to the Boddy mansion, presumably at the request of one Mr. Boddy (played by Dustin Shannon-Dineen), and greeted at the door by a his proper British butler, Wadsworth (Julius Grower), accompanied by French maid, Yvette (Charlotte Allen), and the ever-present and sinister Cook (Pongpudit Chirangwaraphoj). As the six guests arrive, they are informed they must use pseudonyms to protect their identities: sardonic Miss Scarlet (Olivia Ray), batty Mrs. Peacock (Mya Johnson), morbid Mrs. White (Olivia Broadbent), arrogant Professor Plum (Nathan Ruppert), anxious Mr. Green (Matthew Lape), and pompous Colonel Mustard (Glenn Broadbent). The plot thickens when they are given weapons with which to kill Wadsworth, who has presumably been blackmailing them -- but has he? And do they? What follows is hilarious and engaging "whodunit" that leads the audience through a devious maze of twists and turns, including the arrival of an unexpected motorist (William Muthig), as well as a dutiful, but sadly ill-fated police officer (Luke Dougherty). The entire show culminates with an intricate, fast paced final scene that has challenged each of these high school performers and is guaranteed to have the audience on the edge of their seats and roaring with laughter.

CLUE is directed by Patricia Lang and Joyce Patti and is a student driven production, featuring musical accompaniment by Lily Williams, who will be playing original music by Michael Holland. Additionally, complex sound effects will be provided by Paige Harodecki, lighting effects by Alexis Haynes-Davis, and the set features original artistic designs created by the West Canada Valley Art Club. As an added bonus, Art Club members, who have been working closely with their advisor, Ricci Sayers, will also have their art work on display both evenings in the high school library.

Whether you are a fan of the movie *CLUE* or the board game *CLUE*, or you are new to *CLUE* altogether, you will become a fan of this amazing student production! Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from Drama Club members or at the door.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Jeremy Siddon



As we move towards the final months of the school year, the district enters into a very busy time. Budget development continues to move forward and we continue to gather further information in terms of anticipated revenue from both the state and federal level. In addition, students are progressing forward in their studies and the West Canada Valley Class of 2025 is entering the final stretch of their senior year. As we look ahead, commencement is scheduled for June 28, 2025. As we get closer, the district will communicate the details to everyone.

Budget Season

The district has devoted a great deal of time and effort building out the budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The governor's proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with a 2% increase in foundation aid. Last year the district did not receive an increase in state aid so this is a step in the right direction. With much of our revenue dependent on state aid, the district will watch closely as future discussions occur at both the state and federal levels. The district will work to financially support the programs and ensure that students are given a high quality education while being responsible to the taxpayers. As always, the budget will be program-driven with great emphasis on curriculum options, mental health supports, extra-curricular options, and academic intervention needs of our students. We look forward to the coming months and to your continued support throughout this process.

West Canada Valley thanks you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone at our spring events. If you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office. We at West Canada Valley are very thankful for the support that we get from the community. It is greatly appreciated.



DISTRICT NEWS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Three Open Seats

Petitions are available in the District Office for candidates interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education. Qualified district residents will be electing **three (3)** members to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The following Board Members have terms that will expire on June 30, 2025: Mrs. Jessica Bartlett, Ms. Shauna Harrington, and Mr. Roger Kemler.

To qualify for membership on a school board an individual:

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent
- Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
- May not be a current employee of the school
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Candidates must return their completed petitions, with a minimum of 25 qualified voter signatures, to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2025.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PROSPECTIVE BOE CANDIDATES

"How to Become a School Board of Education Candidate and What to Expect if Elected"

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
ZOOM program (online)

Sponsored by the
Oneida-Madison-Herkimer School Board Institute

Please register by contacting:
Sue Pontius, Secretary for Board Training
Telephone: (315) 867-2610
E-Mail: OMHSBI@herkimer-boces.org

Please direct any questions regarding petitions for a seat on the Board of Education or the informational meeting to
Daphne Raymo, District Clerk
Phone: 315-845-6800, ext. 3380 or e-mail draymo@westcanada.org

DISTRICT NEWS



ON DISPLAY IN THE
HIGHSCHOOL LIBRARY

2nd Annual Art Show

MARCH 28 & 29
6pm - 9:30pm
Vote for People's Choice!

COME & SEE
STUDENT WORK
FROM GRADES 7-12!

COME SEE US BEFORE
OR AFTER THE PLAY!

Important Reminder: Student Working Papers

Students ages 14-17 who plan to work this summer will need working papers. Working Papers are available in the High School Main Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather at x3300 or hborden@westcanada.org

Calendar Reminders

Friday 3/14

Superintendent's Conference Day
No Classes for Students

Thursday 3/20
Friday 3/21

Parent/Teacher Conf. - Elementary Early Dismissal

- PreK @ 10:50 (parent pickup only)
- K-6 @ 11:30

Wednesday 3/26

Superintendent's Conference Day - Early Dismissal

- MS/HS Grades 7-12 - 10:30
- PreK @ 10:50 (parent pickup only)
- K-6 @ 11:30

Friday 4/18 and
Mon-Fri 4/21-4/25

Spring Break

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

THE GIVING TREE - THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

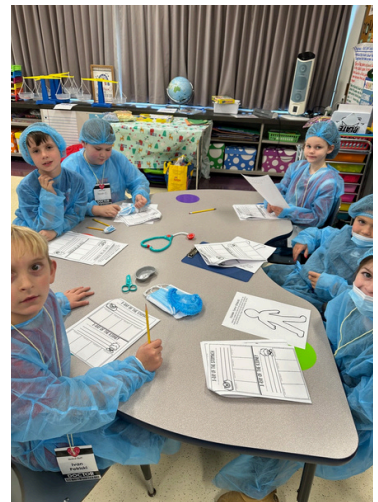
Thank you to all of the individuals and groups who helped make Christmas a little bit brighter for the children at WCV this year. A special thanks goes out to the Ryan Crawford Foundation who always goes above and beyond for our students during the holidays. With all of your help, we were able to provide gifts for 56 children in our district. It's our hope that the smiles on the kids' faces were proof of what a giving community we have!

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*



3RD GRADERS LEARN ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY

In December, the third grade students learned about the human body. What better way to celebrate than to dress up as doctors (with badges) and participate in diagnosing “patients,” make a spinal cord out of a pipe cleaner, fruit loops, and gummy Lifesavers, and label the parts of the human body!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

4TH GRADE SNOWY FUN

The 4th grade took advantage of the recent January snowstorm and spent their recess sledding. A great time was had by all!



STUDYING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

This quarter, the fourth graders learned about Native Americans. Customs, culture, diet, and homes were among some of the topics covered. As a culminating activity, students working with partners were given a STEM challenge to create a longhouse. Students really enjoyed this project which not only allowed them to showcase what they learned, but let their creativity shine!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

2025-2026 UNIVERSAL PRE-K (UPK 5-HOUR PROGRAM) AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

To be eligible for enrollment in either Universal Pre-K (UPK 5-hour Program) or Kindergarten in September 2025, children must meet the following requirements:

- **UPK 5-hour Program**
 - Child must turn four (4) years old on or before December 1, 2025
 - Be committed to a school day from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
 - Be transported to school by the parent/guardian by 8:15 am (afternoon transportation will be provided)
- **Kindergarten**
 - Child must turn five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2025.
- **Residency**
 - Be a West Canada Valley district resident

Universal Pre-K 5-hour Program All West Canada Valley students who turn four (4) years old on or before December 1, 2025 are eligible for the West Canada Valley CSD Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) in September 2025. The hours of instruction will be from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm with parents/guardians providing transportation to school by 8:15 am. The UPK Program students will be transported home on a designated UPK bus. To request a UPK registration packet, please call or email the district registrar (contact information below).

The Universal Pre-K 5-hour Program registration deadline is Friday, April 11, 2025. If we have more students registered than spaces available, a lottery system will then be used to select students. Children who are not chosen through the lottery will be placed on a waiting list. **Selection is not based on the order in which students register.** If you have specific questions about UPK, you may contact Christine Nofri, Elementary Principal, at 315-845-6800, ext. 1100.

Kindergarten registration: **If your child is presently enrolled in the West Canada Valley UPK Program, registration is not required.** If your child is not a current UPK student, or if your family has just moved to the district, please call or email the district registrar to request a Kindergarten registration packet be mailed to you.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to register both UPK 5-hour Program and new Kindergarten students, in person, during the dates and times listed below:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, March 20	12:30 - 4:00 pm During parent/teacher conferences	Elementary Cafeteria
Friday, March 21	12:30 - 4:00 pm During parent/teacher conferences	Elementary Cafeteria

If you have questions or are unable to attend any of the registration dates above, please contact the district registrar to make an alternate appointment.

Please return all UPK 5-hour Program and Kindergarten registration packets to the district registrar, no later than Friday, April 11, 2025.

Susan Walrath-Pope, District Registrar
MS/HS Guidance Office
swalrath-pope@westcanada.org
PH: 315-845-6800, Ext. 3353

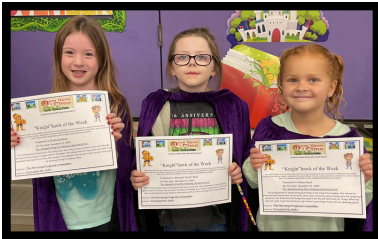
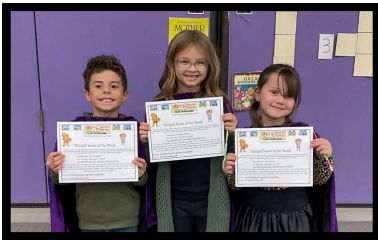


ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

“KNIGHTHAWKS” OF THE WEEK

The following students were selected as “*Knighthawks*” of the Week by the Morning Program Committee. These students were chosen for consistently demonstrating kindness, respect, and responsibility, while serving as a positive role model for their peers.

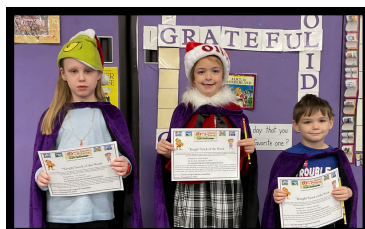
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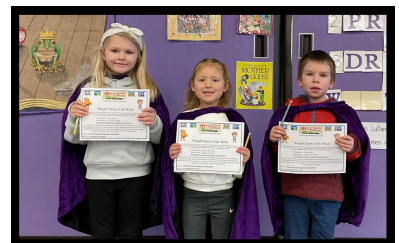
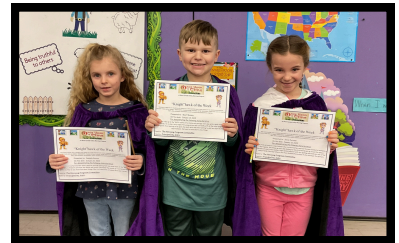
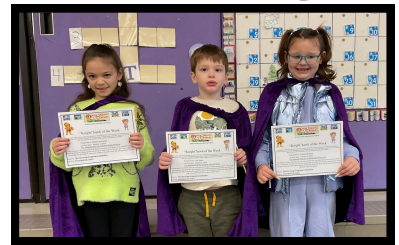
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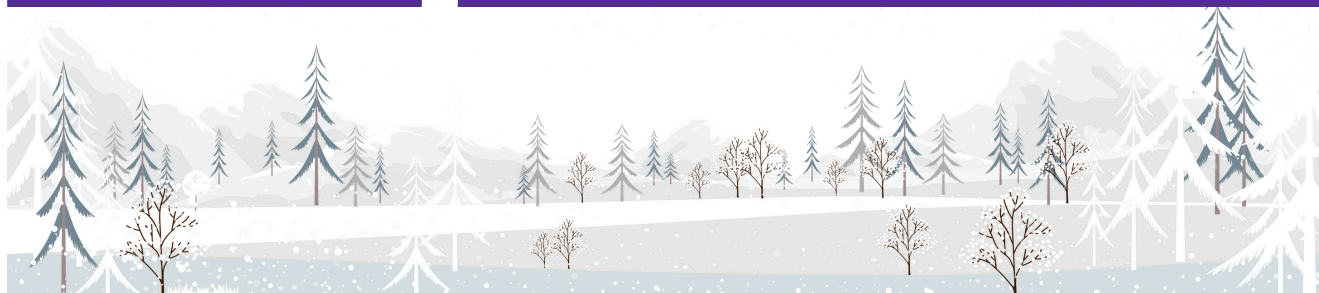
Well Done

Great Job

8TH GRADERS GO CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

On January 30th, the 8th grade students visited Potato Hill Farm in Boonville and learned how to Cross Country Ski. The weather was beautiful and the kids had a great time!

(No skiers were harmed in the photos, they were just exhausted!)



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Alysiah Agne - Pre-Algebra, Ms. Hummel - Alysiah is a great role model for the class, asking great questions and staying on task. She is kind and responsible for her work and actions!

Emma Baker - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Emma is a pleasure to have in class. She participates regularly in class discussions and she always gives her best effort. Keep up the good work!

Emma Baker - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Emma has been doing a great job in social studies. She always puts forth great effort in being attentive and participating in class. She is very conscientious and polite. A friendly classmate to her peers. Great job, Emma!

Emma Baker - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Emma comes to class ready and willing to learn every day. Her assignments are always well done and her performance on assessments is stellar. She demonstrates excellent effort in all she does! Thank you for all of your hard work Emma! Keep it up!

Sofia Baker - Spanish II, Mrs. Foster - Sofia is a hard worker and puts in extra effort to make sure she is successful in Spanish class. Sofia is an exemplary student. and it's a pleasure to have her in class. Keep up the great work Sofia ¡Bien hecho chica!

Owen Baslow - Global History and Geography 9, Mr. Valerio & Mr. Sarus- Owen brings enthusiasm to the classroom every day. He participates often and always knows how to get involved in the class. He is a dependable student who never backs down from a task. Your hard work is impressive Owen, keep it up!

Dylenn Casanova - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Dylenn is an extremely respectful student who puts maximum effort and care into her work. She consistently excels and is an integral part of my English 9 classroom. Keep up the good work, Dylenn.

Dylenn Casanova - Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Dylenn is an ideal student. She is polite and respectful, always comes to class ready and willing to learn, and puts forth maximum effort in all that she does. She is an excellent role model for her peers!

Jacob Cornacchia - English 11, Ms. Blynt - Jacob is a wonderful asset to English class! I really appreciate his attentiveness to text details and the insights he shares during class discussion. It's great to see such motivation and effort.

Brianna DiFillippo - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Brianna has started off the year amazingly. She puts forth a great effort in all areas of the class. She neatly completes her work and does her best on everything. Brianna is a pleasure to have in class. ¡Fantástico trabajo Brianna! Keep it up.

Catherine Farber - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Catherine is off to a great start to the year. She completes her work early, participates in class discussions and demonstrates excellent study skills. She is a pleasure to have in class and has a positive attitude. Keep up the good work!

Jolene Howard - Math 7, Ms. Hummel - Jolene has showed great efforts in Math 7, by having excellent participation in class and asking questions when needed. Jolene stays on task and is responsible for her work and actions. Keep up the good work!

////// MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Olivia Leyko - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Olivia is an excellent student who works to the best of her ability. She consistently participates and volunteers to read on a daily basis. She is an extremely integral part of my English 10 classroom. Keep up the good work, Olivia.

Brooke Reddington - Health, Mr. Swiecki - Brooke is an exceptional student who stays on top of her work and helps the class when needed. Brooke filled in as the teacher when I wasn't feeling well and led the class through the worksheet that we were working on!

Julia Roberts - Global History & Geography 10, Mr. Sarus - Julia has been absolutely phenomenal these past few weeks. She is enthusiastic and energetic. She always comes to class prepared and willing to learn. Her participation and grades are excellent. Julia is a pleasure to have in class and her effort is greatly appreciated.

Isabella Schrader - Global History and Geography 9, Mr. Valerio & Mr. Sarus - Isabella is a hard-working student who is a pleasure to have in class. Isabella is never afraid to raise her hand and participate, sharing her insights and thoughts. Her reliability is exceptional, and she truly displays excellent effort. Keep up the good work!

Annalee Skwara - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Annalee is a great student. She is always on task, participating in class discussions, and she displays a deep understanding of class content.

Annalee Skwara - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Annalee puts forth an outstanding effort in all areas of the class. She comes to class on time, very well prepared and neatly completes all her work. She participates often and shows a great eagerness to learn the language. Annalee is very polite and an excellent role model student. ¡Muy bien Annalee! Keep it up.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Anthony Bienkowski -Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Anthony is the most improved student in Social Studies 7 over the past five weeks. Keep up the good work!

Stella Brown - AP Literature & Composition/College Now English 12, Ms. Blynt - Stella is an admirable English student. I particularly enjoy her insights into class texts. Her eagerness to interpret fiction and apply what she has learned to her own writing is commendable, rare, and appreciated.

Hadley Crocker - Math 7 Accelerated, Ms. Hummel - Hadley shows great dedication to her academics by asking questions, participating in class, completing work on time, and being an excellent role model. Keep up the good work!

Alexis Ellsworth - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Alexis is an outstanding role model student. Her effort is exceptional as she strives to do her best on every assignment and participation. ¡Excelente trabajo Alexis! Keep it up.

Cate Farber - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Cate is doing very well in class this year. She participates regularly in class and tries her best on all tests and quizzes. Cate also does an excellent job seeking out information if she is unsure.

Amelia Lekki - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Amelia is an incredibly conscientious student who works hard on a daily basis. She is eager to learn and consistently volunteers in order to participate in my classroom. Keep up the great work, Amelia!

Isabelle Lyon - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Isabelle is an excellent student who is always willing to lend a helping hand to her fellow classmates. She works diligently and never hesitates to participate or answer questions while in my classroom. Keep up the great work, Isabelle!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Rowan Maine - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Rowan is an excellent science student. He always participates in class discussions and has a lot of prior knowledge when discussing science concepts. Rowan is a pleasure to have in class.

Tess MaLoon - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Tess has done a great job in social studies all year. She consistently puts forth great effort on all of her assignments. Her interest in history is evident with her thoughtful observations that she brings to class discussions.

Natalie Morgan - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Natalie is a pleasure to have in class. She always strives to do her very best in all assignments and participation. Natalie is a very polite student and a wonderful role model to others. Excelente trabajo Natalie. Keep it up.

Annalee Skwara - Home and Careers 7, Mrs. Malin - Annalee is an outstanding student. She is respectful, responsible, helpful and kind. She is an excellent role model and is a pleasure to have in class!

Chandler Smith - Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus - Chandler is a shining star in Global Studies. He comes to class each day with a smile on his face. He has a great attitude and sense of humor. He participates daily and works hard. Chandler is a pleasure to have in class.

Samuel Stewart - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Sam comes to class ready and willing to learn each day. He is eager to participate and has a great attitude. His enthusiasm and effort are greatly appreciated. He is also a polite young man and a pleasure to have in class.

Sam Stewart - Earth Science, Mrs. Mayville - Sam always brings a positive energy and enthusiasm to the classroom! He is constantly ready and willing to learn even when the concepts are challenging. Sam is very kind, very respectful, and is a natural leader in the way he helps out and encourages his peers. It's impressive how hard you work and excel in science! Great job Sam!

DECEMBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Liam Amendolare - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Liam has really turned things around this quarter. In fact, I would consider him to be a role model for his peers, as he is conscientious of his work; he is well behaved; and he participates positively to classroom discussions on a regular basis. I really enjoy having Liam in class, and I am so proud of his decisions to better himself!

Anthony Bienkowski - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Anthony has a lot of background knowledge in life sciences and he is always willing to participate in class. He listens well to instruction and seems to have a genuine interest in science. He is a pleasure to have in class.

Mackenzie Christiano - Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Mackenzie is a polite and respectful student. She is always on time and prepared and ready to learn. Her work is always complete and she seeks help when necessary. She is genuinely interested in learning the material and doing well. She is an ideal student and an excellent role model for her peers!

Grady Crocker - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Grady has been doing an excellent job in social studies since the beginning of the year. He is very conscientious and puts forth great effort on all of his assignments. He has also shown great interest in history and often shares interesting historical insights.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Hallie Fehlhaber - Environmental Science, Mrs. Mayville - Hallie is a shining star in class. She works very hard at whatever is asked of her in class, even when it is challenging. Hallie is a wonderful role model to her peers that shows persistence, patience, positivity, and humor are the secret ingredients to success! Keep up the great work!

Chase Fuller - Earth Science, Mrs. Mayville - Chase is a hard worker in science! I appreciate that he cares about how successful he is in the class. Chase takes his learning seriously. Moreover, I sincerely appreciate the sense of humor Chase brings to the class during first period. Keep up the great work, Chase!

Katie Gorinshek - AP Language & Composition/English 1, Ms. Blynt - Katie is always eager to add to class discussions. I appreciate her insight about and analysis of course texts and themes. Her willingness to bravely offer interpretations that she is questioning makes for a richer conversation, and it does not go unnoticed.

Teegan Harvey - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Teegan is an excellent student who never hesitates to answer a question or read during our English classes. She is always on task and is very helpful with her fellow classmates. Keep up the great work, Teegan.

Agafya Karyagina - Advanced Studio Art, Mrs. Sayers - Agafya is a wonderful student to have in class and a talented artist. She excels in every project she does.

Gianna Macrina - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Gianna is an excellent student who has made great strides over the last two years. She is intelligent, dependable, and hard-working. Gianna is also always willing to lend a helping hand to her classmates. Keep up the great work, Gianna!

Destiny Malison - Portfolio Development, Mrs. Sayers - Destiny is a talented artist, and great to have in class. She is always challenging herself by taking on new projects.

Tess MaLoon - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Tess has done an amazing job in Math 8 so far this year. She is respectful and responsible and puts forth maximum effort in all that she does. I appreciate all of her hard work and applaud her success!! Keep up the great work Tess!

Natalie Morgan - Home and Careers 7, Mrs. Malin - Natalie is an excellent student. She comes to class prepared, is always on task, is eager to learn and displays an understanding of class content. She is always polite and is an excellent role model. Keep up the good work!

Carina Ostapuk - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Carina has done well in Science 8 this year. She is an active listener in class and she has been contributing more to class discussions. Carina is always prepared and she has been a pleasure to have in class this year.

Samuel Penree - Spanish II, Mrs. Foster - Sam brings positive energy to the class on a daily basis. He uses Spanish as much as possible inside and outside of the classroom. Sam has fun with learning new vocabulary and phrases and he is always up for a challenge. Keep up the great work. Sam. ¡Bien hecho chico!

Aubrey Reddington - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Aubrey is a wonderful role model. Her amazing effort, behavior, and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. She excels in all areas of the class. Aubrey is a very polite young lady and a pleasure to have in class. Gracias Aubrey. ¡Excelente trabajo!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 2024 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Kara Rutherford - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Kara did an awesome job on her Colonization Project. Her google slide presentation was extremely well done. Keep up the good work.

Amelia Steele - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Amelia is doing a wonderful job in class. She works very hard and does her best on everything. She neatly completes her assignments and often participates. ¡Muy bien Amelia! Keep it up.

Samuel Stewart - ASL Level 2, Ms. Chmielewski - Sam is an excellent student, always engaged in class, goes beyond expectations of assignments, is a leader in the class with his signing skills. Excellent addition to our classroom - as he is the only student at WCV among 7 students at Whitesboro.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Ryder Aldrich - ELA 8, Mr. Valerio - Ryder is always going above and beyond. Ryder consistently volunteers in class, whether it is reading aloud, starting a discussion, or just answering a question. Thank you for your help Ryder. Keep up the great work!

Olivia Bell - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Olivia is a very polite and hardworking young lady. Her great dedication to her learning is outstanding. Olivia is a role model student and a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Olivia 😊 Buen trabajo!

Aria Boriack - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Aria completes her work in a timely manner, does daily activities to the best of her ability and displays excellent study habits for chapter/unit tests. She is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work.

Madeline Crocker - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Madeline is a privilege to have in class. She is always on topic, willing to participate, and she brings a great sense of humor to class.

Alexis Ellsworth - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Alexis is an exemplary student. She is polite and respectful, always comes to class prepared, and completes all assignments on time. She shows a sincere interest in learning and understanding the material and genuinely cares about her grades. She is having a fantastic year in Math 8 and is a true pleasure to have in class!

Alexis Ellsworth - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Alexis is a pleasure to have in class. She is attentive, on task, and her work is always thoroughly completed. Keep up the good work!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Madison Fagan - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Madison is hard-working, respectful, and an asset to my classroom. She puts effort into all of her assignments and works well with her fellow classmates. Keep up the great work, Madison!

Kacen Farber - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Kacen is a pleasure to have in class. He strives to do his very best in all tasks. He is always very well prepared and participates often. Kacen is a role model student. ¡Fantástico Kacen! Keep it up 😊

Teegan Harvey - Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Teegan is an extremely hard worker. She puts forth maximum effort in all that she does and is not afraid to ask questions to clarify understanding. She is truly interested in learning the material and I appreciate that! Keep up the great work Teegan!!

Eli Homa - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Eli has made great strides since the beginning of the school year. He is a good-natured student with a great sense of humor as well. He is truly an asset to my classroom! Keep up the great work, Eli!

Kathryn Michael - Health, Mr. Swiecki - Katy has shown great effort and attentiveness in this unit. She has good questions, and brings a positive attitude to class!

Jade Stokes - Creative Writing, Mrs. Blynt - Jade's energy and enthusiasm toward challenging writing tasks is commendable. She approaches everything with optimism and a full heart. Her talent and efforts are evident in all the compositions she's written over the course of this semester. It has been a pleasure to have her in class.



ALL-COUNTY II MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school on March 14th & 15th at the Herkimer County All County II Music Festival to be held at Central Valley Central School. In the Elementary Band are Charles Reinhardt and Mallory Guathier (flutes); Sophia Fee and Tegan Thomas (clarinets); Joshua Lekki (alto saxophone); Zach Keller and AJ LaPorte (trumpets); Gunnar Henry (baritone); Bobby Brown (tuba); Zach Ellsworth (percussion). Singing in the Junior High Chorus are Charlotte Allen, Paige Harodecki, Glenn Broadbent Jr., Brooke Balash, Paige Morgan, Gabriel Bouchard, Natalie Morgan, Isabella Schrader, Lily Williams, Analee Skwara, Athena Franklin, Liam Suanders, Ryder Aldrich, Elijah Comstock and Amelia Steele. Senior Band members include: Olivia Ray (piccolo); William Muthig and Teegan Harvey (flutes); Grayce Harvey, Audrah Lyon-Saunders, Amelia Lekki and Cuyler Colony (clarinets); Emma Canelo (baritone saxophone); Olivia Broadbent and Mya Johnson (trumpets); Dominic Lekki (baritone); Gregory Lekki (tuba).

MAY 2025 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 7, 8:00 AM
AP United States History	Friday, May 9, 8:00 AM
AP Calculus AB	Monday, May 12, 8:00 AM
AP English Language and Composition (Juniors)	Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 AM
AP Spanish Language and Culture	Thursday, May 15, 8:00 AM

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING

We will continue meeting individually with all students throughout the spring to review current courses, outstanding credit and Regents exam requirements, and to collect student course requests for next school year. The WCV Course Catalog can be viewed on the Guidance and Counseling Services page of the school website.

Please be aware that, while the NYS Education Department has proposed changes to Regents exam requirements, no such changes have been voted on or approved at this time. The WCV course catalog can be viewed under the Guidance and Counseling Services page of the school website.

Seniors:

- Scholarships are available to all seniors and shared via the Counselors' Class of 2025 Google Classroom. The scholarship spreadsheet is also posted on the Guidance and Counseling Services page of the school website.
- Please bring in copies of acceptance letters to the Guidance Office as soon as possible!

Juniors:

- Juniors will be invited to attend College Day at Herkimer College on Wednesday, April 16. This is a college fair where college representatives from all over the state will be available to talk with students.
- Job shadowing days and internships are offered to rising seniors and juniors. These opportunities are offered during the summer or school year. We will be receiving more information in the spring and will share with students later this school year.

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING CONTINUED

Juniors:

Juniors who are considering attending a 4-year college are typically advised to consider taking the SATs and/or ACTs in the spring of junior year, and again in the fall of their senior year. With many colleges waiving the standardized testing requirements they usually have, we strongly recommend researching the colleges you are interested in and verifying their testing requirements. To register for the SATs, visit www.collegeboard.org/sat and choose your desired exam date and location (Herkimer and/or Utica are typically the closest locations). Visit www.act.org to register for the ACTs.

Spring 2025	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes and/or Late Registration
SAT Visit collegeboard.org/sat Note: The SAT will only be offered digitally as of 2024.	March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
	May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
	June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025
ACT Visit act.org	February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 24, 2025
	April 5, 2025	March 16, 2025	March 28, 2025
	June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025

Sophomores:

- Sophomore Visitation at Herkimer BOCES to visit CTE programs will take place March 5, 2025. BOCES will also be holding an Open House on Wednesday, March 12th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM for any students and families wanting to attend. Visit www.herkimer-boces.org for the latest updates regarding Open House.
- Registration for Sophomores who are interested in attending a Herkimer BOCES CTE program for Junior and Senior year will be taking place throughout March. See your counselor if you are interested.
- Job shadowing days and internships are offered to rising seniors and juniors. These opportunities are offered during the summer or school year. We will be receiving more information in the spring and will share with students later this school year.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING CONTINUED

Freshmen:

- On Thursday, March 13, the Freshman class will be attending a Career Day at Herkimer High School.

Middle School (7th and 8th Grade):

NYS Middle School testing will be on the following dates:

NYS Test	Date(s) of Exam
ELA (grades 7 & 8)	Wednesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 10
Math (grades 7 & 8)	Thursday, May 1 & Friday May 2
Science (grade 8)	Tuesday, May 6



DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Analyce Grabowski was selected as the recipient for the 2024-25 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarship. The scholarship winner is selected by faculty and students and awarded to the senior who demonstrates the qualities of, “dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.” Congratulations, Analyce!



HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

School Sports:

If any student plans to participate in a school sport they must have an updated physical exam on file. It is best to have your child check with the Health Office prior to the start of all sports seasons to ensure that their physical exam has not expired.

Working Papers:

If any student will need working papers for employment an updated physical exam must be on file with the Health Office. If one is not on file working papers cannot be issued.

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 first day of school in September.

Attendance:

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

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either:

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Elementary School Nurse

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Danielle Dutcher, RN

Middle/High School Nurse

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FOOD SERVICE NEWS

CAFETERIA CORNER

Hi everyone,

This School year has been going by so quickly. We continue to provide our students with breakfast and lunch meals, free of charge through approval of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Each student is 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 and included 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.

We have been offering various specials and new entrees. The students are encouraged to try these especially if they have never had it before. The Food Service Department enjoys serving our students and staff members and look forward to providing healthy, nutritious, and delicious meals to all!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Nutrition Program, please contact me at 315-845-6800 ext. 3360 or send an e-mail to sbutler@westcanada.org.

Shelby Butler, Food Service Director



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	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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 FDIPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDIPIR (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 FDIPIR 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

Insert your LEA's privacy policy statement here.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) BUS INSPECTION RATE REACHES 100%

West Canada's DOT bus inspection rate was 100% for the last DOT calendar year. By supporting the bus replacement program each year, you have played a large part in helping us provide the safest buses in the area for your children to be transported in. Our bus mechanics, Shane Korniat and Eric Morse, have done an excellent job servicing and maintaining our buses allowing us to continue reaching this high standard.

THANKS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES THAT TAKE CARE OF OUR ROADS

The Towns of Fairfield, Norway, Newport, Herkimer and Schuyler did a fantastic job of plowing and sanding the roads this past winter. Thanks to all the Superintendents and drivers who came to our bus drivers' rescue on those really bad winter days.

THANKS TO THE BUS DRIVERS AND MONITORS THAT HELP TRANSPORT YOUR CHILDREN SAFELY EVERY SCHOOL DAY

This is a tough job that is well done by a truly dedicated group of people. As a parent/guardian you may disagree with the requests and demands asked of you and your children by the bus driver, but please understand that the drivers make these requests for the safety and security of all the children that ride the bus.

TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

- 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.
- Please make sure someone is home for elementary students when the bus arrives in the afternoon.
- Bus discipline issues are serious. Do not hesitate to contact either the Principal or myself with your concerns.
- Please refrain from the practice of following a bus to take a child off, or 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.
- State law: Never pass a stopped school bus that has its red lights flashing. Violators will be prosecuted.

Felix Ray
Transportation Supervisor
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Phone: 315-845-6800 Ext 3401



BOWLING TEAM SENIOR NIGHT

WCV Nighthawks recognized their seniors on 1/13/25 in a match vs Sauquoit. Both boys and girls were victorious, recording a 5-0 victory for both teams. At this point in the season, the boys team has a record of 9-3 and the girls have recorded an 8-0 record. Seniors for this year include: Anthony Smith, Nathan Cornacchia, Michael Gauthier, Dominic Lekki, Logen Spellman, Emma Macrina, Grayce Harvey, Hailey Carnright and Elaine Williams. All senior bowlers, as well as coach Youngs and parents, are included in the picture.



REMINDER

Our athletic game schedules change quite frequently. Please check the **Schedule Galaxy** website for the most up-to-date WCV sporting event schedules.

GO NIGHTHAWKS!!!



<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/109>

WEST CANADA VALLEY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CONCERT DATES



MAR
11

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH CONCERT

5th-12th Bands
7:00 PM

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH CONCERT

5th-12th Choruses
7:00 PM

MAR
13



MAY
13

SPRING CONCERT III

JR Chorus, SR Chorus, JR Band
7:00 PM

SPRING CONCERT IV

4th GR/Elem Band & Chorus
7:00 PM

MAY
20



MAR
14

ALL COUNTY II

Central Valley Academy



MAY
26

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

10:00 AM
Cold Brook

SONG FEST 2025

West Canadians &
Jazz Ensemble
7:00 PM

JUNE
4



MAY
6

SPRING CONCERT I

Senior Band
7:00 PM

SPRING CONCERT II

1st & 3rd Grade
6:00 PM

MAY
8



JUNE
5

SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS

Jazz Ensemble & Small Ensemble
TBA

SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS

Jazz Ensemble & Small Ensemble
TBA

JUNE
6



MAY
9

SOLO FESTIVAL

Level 1-6/AS
Central Valley



JUNE
7

SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS

MS Band, HS Band, Marching Band
TBA

VIOLET FESTIVAL PARADE

2025 Festival Cancelled Due
to Construction
in Dolgeville

JUNE
14





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Jr/Sr High School

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Principal



Upcoming Events

March 11

Music in Our Schools Concert
Grades 5-12 Bands

March 13

Music in our Schools Concert
Grades 4-12 Choruses

March 14

Superintendent's Day, no students

March 14-15

All County II

March 20-21

Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 26

Superintendent's Half Day
Early Dismissal PreK-12

