# HIGHLIGHTS

## JUNE 2025

## 2025 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN



### JACKSON KING
**Valedictorian**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2025 Valedictorian is **Jackson King**, son of William and Lynn King. Jackson is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council, and has served as class treasurer throughout high school. He has also been a valued member of numerous WCV athletic teams, including football, basketball, baseball, golf, and track. Jackson is also a skilled musician, having participated in wind ensemble and marching band throughout high school. In the fall, Jackson will attend the University of Richmond to study political science.



### GRAYCE HARVEY
**Salutatorian**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2025 Salutatorian is **Grayce Harvey**, daughter of David and Lori Harvey. Grayce has been an asset to the WCV music department throughout middle and high school, attending All County and Area All State, playing significant roles in school musicals, and participating in jazz band and West Canadians. Grayce also is a varsity and league bowler, Student Council secretary, International Club president and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Grayce is involved in Girls Scouts and plays in the Ilion Civic Band. Grayce will be attending Hobart and William Smith Colleges to study Mathematics.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

## Mr. Jeremy Siddon

Dear West Canada Valley Community,

As we wrap up another successful school year, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who makes West Canada Valley such a strong and supportive community.

We are incredibly grateful for the community's continued support in passing the 2025–2026 school budget. Your investment in our schools reflects a shared commitment to educational excellence and the future of our students. With your support, we can continue to offer a safe, enriching, and well-rounded experience for all learners.

Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, always with a shared commitment to the well-being and success of our students. Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, or in the community, our students have continued to shine brightly, showcasing their talents and dedication to excellence.

I am incredibly proud of our faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing and enriching learning environment for our students. Your dedication and passion for education are truly commendable, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such talented individuals.

Congratulations on a job well done! Whether you're moving up a grade, graduating, or simply enjoying the satisfaction of a completed year, you've earned this summer break. We hope it's filled with relaxation, fun, and opportunities to recharge and explore new interests.

As always, we are proud to serve this community and look forward to the opportunities the next school year will bring.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Warm regards,

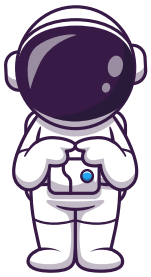
Jeremy Siddon

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

## THIRD GRADE SCIENCE FUN

Third grade recently spent some time learning about space and the planets! We wrote acrostic poems, studied the lives of astronauts in space and learned about the force of gravity.

Springtime in third grade also means we get to learn about and observe the life cycles of various animals! This is a fun, hands-on unit where students get to watch the caterpillars grow and change. Eventually we will even get to release our butterflies!









## READING SAFARI NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Wacky Reader Contest. There were a total of 57 entries. The winners were Logan Kovak in 4th grade, Maddox Crossett in 2nd grade and Grayson Grower in Pre-K. Logan was reading to his stuffed monkey in a tree while wearing a banana costume, Maddox was reading while jumping on a pogo stick, and Grayson was reading dressed as Spiderman. Thank you to everyone who reads in crazy places!

The showcase is also full of creative Tissue Box Storybook Characters. Students were challenged to create their own storybook character using tissue boxes.







# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

## GROWING SELF E-STEAM CAMP



During Spring break, Mellena Hawkins and Charlotte Dmitri (5th grade) and Ava Ives and Olivia Snyder (4th grade) attended a Women in Tech -Growing Self eSTEAM camp sponsored by Madison Oneida BOCES.

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade participated in a Science Olympiad. Students worked with a partner to complete Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) challenges. Each grade level had a specific task. Students worked in teams to build towers, boats, ramps, airplanes and more. It was a great event that culminated with an awards ceremony. Congratulations to all!

**Kindergarten award winners:**
Wyatt Schook & Jameson Behr
Everlyrose Seaberry & Asher Ferenti
Irelynn Stewart & Ariyah Dunn

**First Grade award winners:**
James Stack, Kashton Dunn, Kayde Flansburg

**Second Grade award winners:**
Maddox Crossett & Timothy (T3) Johnson
Colton Barnes & Emilyah Maine
Corbin Rhea & Camryn Jones

**Third Grade award winners:**
Peyton Behr & Eliana LaVeck
Indiana VanDusen, Aaliyah Sternberg
Carter Grimshaw & Lydia Rickard

**Fourth Grade award winners:**
Beau Buczek & Matteo Uricola
Zora Morris & Layla Nitschke
Molly England & Jenna Skwara

**Fifth Grade award winners:**
Kaylin Bowman & Aliza Kupiec
Jack Hunsaker & Hunter Allen
Audrie Stallman & Abigail Markwardt

**Sixth Grade award winners:**
AJ LaPorte & Bella Steenburg
Veniamin Karyagin & Jase Johnson
Brantley Henry & Lilith Caye

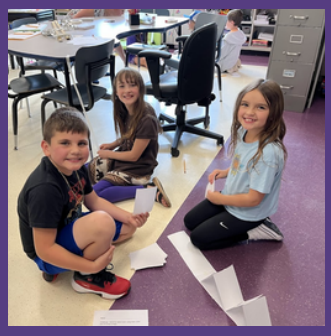












# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

## KNIGHTHAWKS OF THE WEEK

The K-2 students featured in the pictures below were honored as Knighthawks of the Week during the Morning Program in February, March, April, and May. They were selected by the Morning Program Committee for displaying positive character traits such as respect, responsibility, kindness, helpfulness, along with notable academic achievements and progress. **Congratulations to All!**

### FEBRUARY

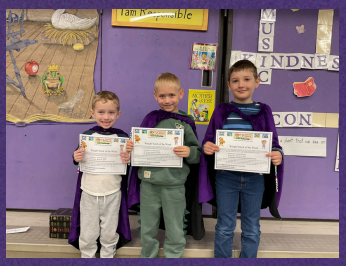


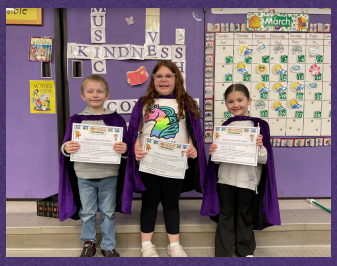


### MARCH













### APRIL

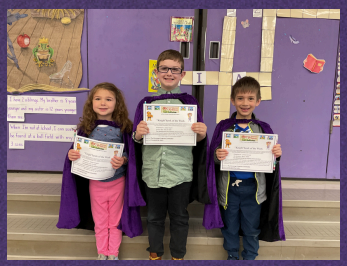








### MAY










# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



**Brooke Balash** – Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Brooke is doing a fantastic job in Geometry this year! She is a hard worker who puts forth maximum effort in all that she does. She shows a sincere interest in learning the material and always seeks out help when necessary. Keep up the great work Brooke!

**Wesley Balash** - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Wesley has been doing an excellent job all year. His homework is always done to the best of his ability. He participates in class discussion on a regular basis and his test scores are reflective of his good study habits. Keep up the good work.

**Jorja Bolton** - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Jorja is doing a wonderful job in class. She works very hard and does her best on everything. She often participates and is eager to learn the language. Her dedication to her learning is outstanding. Jorja is a great role model student. İMuy bien Jorja! Keep it up.

**Pongpudit Chirangwaraphoj (Pooh)** - Economics, Vietnam War Era, Mr. Pullman - Pooh is a great student. He is always paying attention, putting forth great effort, and contributing to class discussions. He has also become a very good chess player. He invites his classmates and teachers to friendly competition on a regular basis. Great job, Pooh!

**Hadley Crocker** - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Hadley is a great student. She is attentive, on task, and always willing to participate in class discussions. Keep up the great work!

**Cameron FitzSimons** - Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus - Cameron has been outstanding in Global History. Her test scores are terrific! She participates daily and she demonstrates a strong understanding of the topics being taught. She possesses critical thinking skills and shows a genuine interest in the material.

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Addyson Flansburg** – Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Addyson has had a great month in Science 8. She has shown increased effort in class and more dedication to her grades.

**Paige Harodecki** - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Paige has been doing great work since the start of the school year. She is polite, hard-working, and consistently answers questions and helps her peers when necessary. Keep up the great work, Paige!

**Kaylin Keiffer** - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Kaylin has made great strides in my class since the beginning of the school year. She is polite, hard-working, and consistently volunteers to read or answer questions aloud while in class. Keep up the great work, Kaylin!

**Margarita Kovalets** – Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Margarita excels in all areas of the class. She is always well prepared and ready to do her very best. She demonstrates a great commitment to her learning of the language. Margarita is an outstanding role model and a pleasure to have in class. İExcelente trabajo Margarita! Keep it up.

**Amelia Lekki** - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Amelia has been fantastic in Global History. She's polite, attentive, and her work is impeccable. She's a force in Quizlet, and she's always eager to help her classmates when they have missed something in class. She participates, she answers questions, and she's an overall pleasure to have in class.

**McKenna Maxwell** - English 11, Ms. Blynt - McKenna is an eager, invested English student. She is always willing to put forth her best effort on class assignments and is not afraid to ask questions during class discussions. Her cheerfulness and positive attitude are also appreciated.

**Madeline McManus** – Math, Miss Beach - Maddie works hard during math. She takes her time and does the best she can. She is eager to learn new skills, and concepts and does not give up when she feels challenged.

**Chase Santucci** – Health, Mr. Swiecki - Chase has started the quarter off very strong by getting all of his work completed. He also makes a positive contribution to the class by answering questions when I ask them. I will usually look to Chase for an answer when the class has been silent for a while.

**Grant Thomas** - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Grant is a true pleasure to have in class. He is polite and respectful, completes all assignments to the best of his ability, and is an active participant during class. Keep up the great work Grant!

**Anderson Vasquez Juarez** - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Anderson has shown tremendous improvement throughout the course of the year. His attendance is great. He has a terrific attitude and he's very polite. He's been working really hard and it shows. Anderson's communication skills and understanding for difficult topics in Global History have really impressed me. He is demonstrating independence and confidence in the classroom.

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## MARCH 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS




**Sofia Baker** - Pre-Algebra, Mrs. Hummel - Sofia has great participation in Pre-Algebra class, and is always asking questions about how to improve her skills! Keep up the good work!

**Grady Crocker** - English 8, Mr. Lamphere - Grady always puts himself to the test and tries at everything he is given during English class. Whenever a question is asked, he is one of the first to answer and is a driving force in the classroom. Great work and a great presence make him ELA 8's March Student of the Month.

**Hadley Crocker** - Accelerated Math 7, Mrs. Hummel - Hadley has top scores, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic and positive attitude in class! Keep up the great work!

**Roman Debiase** - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Roman is a polite, responsible student who is consistently volunteering to read and positively contributing to classroom discussions. I enjoy having Roman in class, as he is a positive role model for others and a joy to have in class!

**Alysia Hare** - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Alysia is an extremely polite and hard-working English 9 student. She has put great effort into all of her assignments throughout the school year and she consistently excels within my classroom. Keep up the great work, Alysia!

**Izabella Mauldin** - Life Skills. Ms. Beach - Izzy works hard to complete all of her work. She continues to try her best to participate in discussions, answer questions. She is an excellent role model for her classmates. She is always smiling and making others laugh.

**Liliana McCann** - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Liliana puts forth an outstanding effort in all areas of the class. She always completes her work on time and does her best on everything. Her participation is great and very well appreciated. Liliana is an excellent role model to other students and a pleasure to have in class. Gracias Liliana. ¡Fantástico trabajo!

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## MARCH 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Angelina Polidori** - English 11/AP English Literature 12, Ms. Blynt - Angelina is a diligent, thoughtful English student. She is able to juggle several texts simultaneously with deep analysis and insight. Her work is not only accurate, but creative and unique. I appreciate her efforts and contributions in my courses.

**Aubrey Reddington** - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Aubrey always gives her best effort in Science class. She is a willing participant in class discussions. Aubrey is a pleasure to have in class

**Victoria Rozyla** - College Now Spanish, Mrs. Foster - Victoria has come out of her shell during College Now Spanish class. She entertains us on a daily basis with her commentary in Spanish about her daily adventures. Victoria works very hard and she is a pleasure to have in class. ¡Bien hecho!

**Kara Rutherford** - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Kara is an exceptional student. She is always very well prepared, participates often and neatly does her assignments. Kara is a great role model student, and a pleasure to have in class. Muy bien Kara. Keep it up.

**Adrianna Santucci** - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Adrianna is a pleasure to have in class. She completes work early and to the best of her ability. She participates with class activities and demonstrates excellent study habits. Her work on the recent Redding Regional Project was extraordinary. Keep up the good work!

**Adrianna Santucci** - Math 7, Mrs. Hummel - Adrianna shows great effort in math class and has tremendous work ethic! Keep up the good work!

**Jackson Stewart** - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Jackson has had a terrific past month in science class. He has been attentive in class and has shown improved study habits. Keep up the good work Jackson.

**Mikayla Synakowski** - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Mikayla has made great strides since the beginning of the school year. During marking period three, she has increased her participation and has consistently volunteered to read and help her classmates! Her classwork has also been extremely well-done! Keep up the great work, Mikayla!



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## APRIL 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



**Ashlaya Azzarito** - English 8, Mr. Lamphere - Ashlaya has been working vigorously on improving her work in English class, always looking for support and never giving up on an assignment. She is always ready to complete her work and has majorly improved between marking quarters. Keep up the great work Ashlaya!

**Glenn Broadbent** - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Glenn is a polite and extremely intelligent young man. He consistently volunteers to read and answer questions in my English class. He also helps his fellow classmates when necessary. Keep up the great work, Glenn!

**Olivia Broadbent** - AP English 11 Language and Composition, Mrs. Blynt - Olivia is consistently a delight to have in class. She is willing to challenge herself, and I can always count on her insightful contributions to class discussions. I've appreciated her efforts and enthusiasm all year.

**Kimberly Carter**- Science 8, Mr. Dougherty -Kimberly does a nice job in Science class. Her work is always complete, she is an active participant in class discussions and she has a great sense of humor. Kimberly is a pleasure to have in class.

**Mackenzie Christiano** - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Mackenzie is an extremely valuable asset in my classroom. She is always on task and performs well on all assessments. Mackenzie also has a great sense of humor and is always willing to help her fellow classmates. Keep up the good work, Mackenzie!

**Lily Dommer** - Spanish 1, Mrs. Kraszewski - Lily demonstrates exceptional work on all her assignments. She goes above and beyond expectations. Lily's model behavior, attitude, and effort are greatly appreciated and a great example to others. Keep it up Lily. ¡Excelente trabajo!

**Austin Ives** - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - We recently completed a unit on the Oregon Trail and Austin did an amazing job on his Prairie Schooner. Keep up the good work.

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## APRIL 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Emma Lindsay** - Life Skills, Mrs. Beach - Emma works very hard during life skills. She is always willing to help her classmates when they need help. She puts pride in her work and completes all her work on time.

**Logan Maida** - Spanish II, Mrs. Foster - Logan is an exemplary student. His hard work and positive attitude in Spanish class has not gone unnoticed. Logan consistently demonstrates his aptitude for learning a new language. ¡Bien hecho, Logan!

**Dylen Nicotera** - Intro to coaching, Mr. Swiecki - Dylen is the best-behaved student in my intro to coaching class. Additionally, Dylen offers excellent and productive feedback to myself and to the other students in the class. I enjoy having him contribute information to conversations as he always has a unique perspective to most topics.

**Logan Randt** - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Logan is always a polite and respectful student. He has shown an interest in different social studies topics. I have been very impressed with his attentiveness to his assignments, and his effort to do well. Good job, Logan!

**Kara Rutherford** - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Kara is a diligent student who actively participates in class and always puts forth great effort on quizzes and assignments.

**Adrianna Santucci** - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Adriana excels in all areas of the class. She is always well prepared and ready to do her very best. She demonstrates a great commitment to her learning of the language. Adriana is an outstanding role model student and a pleasure to have in class. İExcelente trabajo Adriana! Keep it up.

## MAY 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## MAY 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Jacey-Jo Allen** - Pre-Algebra, Ms. Hummel - Although math is not Jacey's favorite subject, she puts her best effort in to make the class worthwhile. Jacey is always participating in class and is responsible for her work. Sometimes we have to do things we don't want to do, and she is a great example of good work-ethic!

**Brooke Balash** – Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Brooke has done a great job in Geometry this year. She is a very diligent student who shows a sincere interest in learning the material. She puts forth maximum effort in all that she does and is not afraid to ask for help when needed. She is an excellent role model for her peers. Fantastic job Brooke!

**Aria Boriack** - Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski - Aria is an exceptional student. She is always very well prepared and neatly does her assignments. Aria is a great role model student, and a pleasure to have in class. Muy bien Aria, keep it up.

**Elijah Comstock** - Math 7, Ms. Hummel - Elijah has such a nice demeanor, always says please and thank you. Not only is Elijah a kind student, but he also works hard in class and is responsible for his work. Being well rounded is important, keep up the good work!

**Keira Cornacchia** - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Keira has been doing an outstanding job in Math 8. She has been putting forth maximum effort in all she does and often times goes above and beyond the required work. She has had a very successful year in Math 8! Great job Keira!

**Roman Debiase** - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Roman is a very hard worker in class. He is an active participant in class discussions and takes full advantage of all extra academic opportunities.

**Tucker Hopsicker** - English 8, Mr. Lamphere - Tucker is always well prepared for class, has a great attitude towards work and conversation, and always tries his hardest during class assignments. Tucker is always ready to learn more about English and wants to strive to be the very best student he can be. Great work this year Tucker!

**Taelyr Kipp** -Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Taelyr has had a great quarter. She has been super focused in class and willing to participate in class discussions. Keep up the good work!

**Davin Kirchberg** - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Davin has made great strides since I met him during the last school year. Not only has he improved as both a reader and a writer in my English class, but he also has gained confidence in himself as an individual. I'm extremely proud of the gains that he has made. Keep up the great work, Davin!

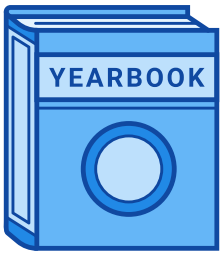
**Matthew Lape** - AP US History, Mr. Shearer - Matthew earns this recognition for being one of the top performers in my AP class.

**Kiera Maida** - US History, Mr. Shearer - Kiera earns this recognition, for her overall performance, Keira tries really hard in my class and her work has showcased her improvement in not only content but also her writing abilities.

*Congratulations to all of our Student Recognition Award recipients!*

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## WECAVA YEARBOOKS FOR SALE




The 2025 WeCaVa yearbooks are here. A limited number of yearbooks are still available to purchase for $60. First come, first served, cash or checks only. Please write checks to WCV Yearbook Club.

## CLASS OF 2025 DECISION DAY

The graduating class of 2025 celebrated Decision Day. Students wore their college and career gear to celebrate making their decision for the future.



## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2026!

### *Senior Photo Information:*

It is time to think about your senior pictures! Many students take the opportunity to have their pictures taken over the summer for the 2026 yearbook. The following three photos are required:

- Formal photo - traditional head and shoulders shot, no hats, no props, and no logos, usually more dressed up
- Casual photo- full length photo or props are acceptable
- Youth photo- anywhere from infant to around 5 years old

Digital copies are preferred and can be submitted via flash drive or email. All photos can be given to Mrs. Goggin in room 8 or emailed to egoggin@westcanada.org. **All photos must be submitted by October 24, 2025.**

# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## FFA CHAPTER ATTENDS 100TH NYS FFA CONVENTION

Several of our FFA members and officers participated in 2025 New York State FFA Convention in Syracuse, NY. They experienced a dynamic and inspiring event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organization. Over 3,000 members, advisors, and guests gathered from May 7-9 at the New York State Fairgrounds. Students participated in workshops, tours, and competed in Career and Leadership Development Events. Students showcased their talents, communication, and employability skills, advancing to national competitions.

The convention featured an Engagement & Career Expo where students connected with agricultural businesses and colleges, expanding their knowledge and career opportunities. The event also included demonstrations, livestock experiences, and recognition of outstanding members and chapters. This milestone celebration highlighted the growth and impact of FFA in New York, including the groundbreaking of a new FFA building at the Fairgrounds to support future agricultural education.



# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## BANDS PLACE IN EVERY CATEGORY AT SHERBURNE

The  WCV Bands headed back to Sherburne on Thursday, June 5 and Saturday, June 7. This year, the HS Wind Ensemble, MS Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Color Guard, and Drum Line competed at the 76th Annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands. Schools were placed in classes according to their high school's student population. Classes ranged from A (Medina Central School) all the way down to D (Laurens Central School). West Canada Valley was placed in Class B along with Bainbridge-Guilford, Dolgeville, Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville, and Bloomfield.

The WCV Wind Ensemble (grades 9 – 12), under Mrs. Shane Bonney's direction, received **second place** honors in the high school Concert Band category.  The Small Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney, received **second place** honors in their respective category. The Color Guard was awarded **second place**, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney. The WCV Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Scott Bonney took **third place** in their category, performing three pieces of literature. The WCV Drum Line, under the direction of Mr. Bonney, received **second place** honors in their category. The Marching Band took **second place** in the parade competition. This (grade 7-12) band, which is 110 members strong, is under the direction of Mrs. Shane Bonney and was led this year by Drum Major Olivia Ray. The Concert Band (grades 7 & 8), under the direction of Mr. Bonney, competed in the Middle School Class (an open class, regardless of school size) against nine other middle school bands and took **third place**.

The weather was a bit rainy in the morning, but cleared in time for the parade this year at the pageant, and the number of parents and community members that flocked to Sherburne to see the bands compete was commendable. West Canada Valley definitely had one of the biggest fan cheering sections out of all the competing bands. The bands truly appreciate the support of everyone who attended, and the praise upon their return.

The directors are very proud of these accomplishments, as are the students who were involved. WCV is extremely pleased to announce that pride in the band program continues to reach new heights. Congratulations students, we're proud of you and the community should be as well!



# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Many of our students participated in Level 1-6 NYSSMA Solo Festival on May 7 & 8 at Central Valley. Each student prepared a solo and scales (instrumental) to be adjudicated. Students who performed a vocal solo include: Amelia Lekki, Natalie Morgan, Teegan Harvey, Dylynn Casanova, Paige Harodecki, Olivia Broadbent, Paige Morgan, Glenn Broadbent, Isabella Schrader, Pongpudit Chirangwaraphoj, William Muthig, Madeline Crocker, Brooke Balash, Tucker Hopsicker, Charlotte Allen, Alizabeth Hull, and Mason Gauthier. Those who performed an instrumental solo include – William Muthig, Teegan Harvey, Charlotte Allen, Paige Morgan, Paige Harodecki, Olivia Bell, Natalie Morgan, Wesley Balash, Agafya Karyagina, Olivia Broadbent, and Isabella Schrader.

Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work, dedication, and for doing a fabulous job!




## WCV 2025 MUSICAL PRODUCTION

**November 14th & 15th 2025**

**WCV Auditorium**

**7:00 PM**

## 2025 SHERBURNE AWARDS



# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## CLASS OF 2025 HIGH HONOR GRADUATES

Samuel Ayers
Dalten Brennan
Stella Brown
Emma Canelo
Analyce Grabowski
Julius Grower
Mya Johnson
Penny Johnston
Yevgeniy Karyagin
Dominic Lekki
Audrah Lyon-Saunders
Emma Macrina
Paige Maida
Victoria Ostapuk
Angelina Polidori
Olivia Ray
Skyler Schram
Nolan Shepardson
Anthony Smith
Jayden Smith
Jack Stewart
John Tolpa
John Tubia
Kaden Vincent

## CLASS OF 2025 HONOR GRADUATES

Bella Bartlett
Nathan Cornacchia
Kaity Dingman
Michael Gauthier
Gregory Lekki
Destiny Malison
Tyler Ossont
Faith Perry
Ryan Roberts
Dustin Shannon-Dineen

# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## CLASS OF 2025 ACCEPTANCES

**Emma Canelo**.....SUNY Poly

**Madison Gonzalez**.....United States Marine Corps

**Julius Grower**.....American Musical and Dramatic Academy; SUNY Fredonia; SUNY Geneseo; SUNY Oswego; SUNY Potsdam; University at Buffalo

**Penny Johnston**.....Herkimer College; Keuka College

**Isabelle Krukowski**.....Chatham University; Niagara University; Western New England University

**Audrah Lyon-Saunders**.....SUNY Poly

**Emma Macrina**.....Clarkson University; MVCC; RIT; Utica University

**Destiny Malison**.....Herkimer College

**Faith Perry**.....American International College; Arcadia University; Bridgewater State University; Dean College; Elms College Lasell University; Springfield College; The University of Maine; Western New England; University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

**Olivia Ray**.....St. Elizabeth's College of Nursing

**Jayden Smith**.....Alfred State College; Clarkson University; SUNY Canton; SUNY Delhi; SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry; SUNY Poly; University at Buffalo; Utica University

## NATIONAL SR. HONOR SOCIETY VOLUNTEER DAY

National Senior Honor Society Members of the Class of 2025 spent a day volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. Students toured the home and performed various household chores. They also delivered several bags of aluminum tabs. The Ronald McDonald House raises approximately $3,000 annually by collecting tabs. Please continue to support the WCV tab collection.




Thanks For Your Support



# DISTRICT NEWS

## ANOTHER "SAFE & SOUND" YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION

As a parent you watch your children leave home in the morning and return in the afternoon on the school bus "safe and sound" from another day at school. That's just the way it has to be.

As your Transportation Supervisor I have the responsibility of overseeing the students that are transported every school day in a "safe and sound" manner using a fleet of 21 buses that travel close to 300,000 miles a year. I, like you, expect this to happen with all students being transported "safe and sound" every day. How do we accomplish this? It takes all of the following people and actions to make it work.

Every school day starts with the State, County, Township and Village highway departments making sure the roads are safe to travel on. Thank them for the great job they do.

Another important asset we have at West Canada Valley is the support of the community every year for the bus purchases. Our buses are the safest and most modern in the area. Thank you for the support.

The mechanics that maintain our bus fleet have obtained another year of success from the New York State Department of Transportation for bus inspection. Each bus is inspected by a NY DOT inspector twice a year. Thank Shane Korniat and Eric Morse, our two mechanics, when you see them.

The bus drivers and monitors that are operating your children's bus are probably the most important ingredient of all to the "safe and sound" ride your children deserve. Their personal judgment and skills ultimately assure your children ride the bus in a "safe and sound" manner every day. Thank them when you see them.

A big thank you from me to all the parents and guardians who make sure their children are loading and unloading safely and behaving on the bus so that a safe bus ride can be assured for all.  Have a fun and safe summer!

Felix Ray, Transportation Supervisor
E-Mail: fray@westcanada.org

## TENURE APPOINTMENTS



Two of our faculty members received tenure this school year:  Caitlin Cook in the tenure area of *Elementary Education*, and Jason Crawford in the tenure area of *Technical/Trade Subjects*. Congratulations and thank you for displaying commitment and dedication to our West Canada Valley students!  *From left to right: Jeremy Siddon, Superintendent; Jason Crawford; Caitlin Cook; Christine Nofri, Elementary Principal*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

**End of the Year Medication Pickup:** Please contact the Nurses' office to make arrangements to pick up any unused medication by the end of the school year. Any medications not picked up by June 26th , 2025 will be discarded.

**Physical Examinations:** 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, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade. Physicals are acceptable that have been performed no longer than 12 months prior to September 4th, 2025.

**Sports:** Any student that plans to play a school sport must have an up to date physical on file with the health office. Please keep in mind that if a student's physical was valid for one sports season it may not be valid for the next sports season. Physicals will be offered at school over the summer. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates which will be posted on ParentSquare.

**Immunizations:** New York State mandates students entering the grades listed below are required to have the following vaccines. **These vaccines are required to be completed prior to the start of school in September unless otherwise noted.**

**Entering Grade 6:** Tdap vaccine. This vaccine is required at age 11. If your child does not turn 11 until after September 4th, 2024 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:** 2nd dose of the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine unless the 1st 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 4th, 2024 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this vaccine.

**If for any reason you are unable to make an appointment with your child's primary care doctor, Herkimer County Public Health offers immunization clinics. All clinics are by appointment only; call 315-867-1176 to schedule an appointment. Clinic dates and times are listed below.**

**Tuesdays:**
9:00 am – 11:00 am
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**The following Mondays:**
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
June 23, August 4, August 18

We hope everyone has a great summer!

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# DISTRICT NEWS

## CAFETERIA CORNER



As this school year winds down, I would like to thank the community for their support in having your students participate in our breakfast and lunch programs. At this time, the meals will continue to be free of charge through the end of the school year. With the NYS budget still pending approval and changes in the Federal government Department of Education and USDA, the status of our Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for next year is undecided at this time. I will have further information to share in the upcoming weeks.

Every May, School Lunch Hero Day is celebrated across the country. The "Heros" are recognized for their dedication, care and tireless effort put into feeding our students every single day. The ladies were reminded that they don't just serve food-they serve kindness, nourishment and sense of stability to make sure every child is cared for. They are essential to the health, well-being, and success of the children. Some of our students took time to thank the staff. Please take a moment to say "thank you" to our dedicated staff if you see them in the community.

Over the summer months, there are places for your children to obtain free meals also: **Hunger Free America** operates the **National Hunger Hotline** on behalf of USDA. The hotline is a source for individuals and families seeking information on how to obtain food. The National Hunger Hotline staff connects callers with emergency food providers in their community, government assistance programs, and various social services.

During the summer months, the hotline also serves as a vital resource connecting children 18 years old and under at approved sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. To find a summer meals site near you: **https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids** The hotline can be reached by calling **1-866-3-HUNGRY** or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish), Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Nutrition Program, please contact me at 315-845-6800 or send an e-mail to sbutler@westcanada.org The Child Nutrition Program staff would like to thank all and wish you a safe and happy summer!

Shelby Butler, Food Services Director





# DISTRICT NEWS

## WATER SERVICE LINE ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Dear West Canada Valley Community,

This notice is to inform you that during a recent assessment of our school facilities, it was determined that some of our drinking water service lines are composed of galvanized material, which has been identified as a galvanized service line requiring replacement (GSLRR). This type of service line can corrode over time, potentially leading to the leaching of lead into drinking water supplies.

**What is a Galvanized Service Line Requiring Replacement (GSLRR)?** Galvanized service lines were commonly used in the past for plumbing systems, consisting of steel pipes coated with a protective layer of zinc. However, as these lines age and corrode, they can create a risk of lead contamination in the water, which is particularly dangerous for children, as their developing bodies are more susceptible to lead's harmful effects.

**Health Effects of Lead in Drinking Water:** Exposure to lead in drinking water can have serious health implications, particularly for young children and pregnant women. It can affect brain development, leading to learning disabilities, reduced attention span, and behavioral issues. In adults, lead exposure may result in high blood pressure and other health complications. It is crucial to reduce and prevent lead exposure in our community's drinking water.

**Steps Taken by Our School District:** To protect the health and safety of our students and staff, our school district has implemented several measures to minimize any lead exposure from drinking water. These include:

- Installation of Water Filters: Certified filters that are designed to reduce lead levels in our drinking water have been installed. These filters are regularly maintained and replaced per the manufacturer's guidelines to ensure ongoing effectiveness.
- Routine Testing: Routine water quality testing is conducted to monitor lead levels and other contaminants in the drinking water. The results are shared with the community to maintain transparency, and can be found on our district's website.
- Replacement Planning: We are actively planning the replacement of all galvanized service lines in the district to eliminate the potential for lead exposure and will keep you informed about the timeline and progress of this project.
- Educational Initiatives: The District is committed to educating our community about the importance of water safety and the measures we are taking. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to resolve this important issue. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at dlynch@westcanada.org or by phone (315) 845-6800. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lynch
Director of Facilities I

# TRANSITION TO DIGITAL NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to share an important update regarding our school's communication efforts and how we are adapting to the evolving digital landscape.

As part of our ongoing efforts to streamline our communication process and promote environmental sustainability, we are transitioning from our traditional paper newsletter to a digital newsletter format. This change will provide many benefits, both for our school and for our community.

**Why the Change?**

1. *Environmental Impact*: By moving to a digital format, we are reducing our use of paper, which helps minimize our environmental footprint. We believe this is an important step in fostering sustainability and teaching our students the value of responsible resource use.
2. *Cost Savings*: Printing and mailing paper newsletters incur significant costs, including postage, paper, and ink. By transitioning to digital communication, we are able to allocate these savings to other areas of need within our school, including enriching student programs and enhancing learning experiences.
3. *Timeliness and Convenience*: With the digital format, you will receive the latest updates more promptly and conveniently. Newsletters will be sent directly to parents/guardians and students via ParentSquare. Community members can view the newsletter on our website, or sign up with the District Office to receive a digital copy sent directly to your email, allowing you to access them at your convenience on any device—whether at home, work, or on the go.
4. *Enhanced Communication*: Digital newsletters also allow us to include multimedia content like photos, videos, and clickable links to other important resources, making it easier to share relevant information and keep you informed about the happenings at our school.

**What Does This Mean for You?**

Starting in **August 2025**, all future newsletters will be sent electronically. To ensure you receive a digital copy of the newsletter, **parents/guardians** please take a moment to update your email address in ParentSquare. **Community members,** please contact the District Office to enroll in the digital newsletter. Be prepared to give your full name, mailing address, and email address when you call. If you need assistance in receiving or accessing the digital newsletters, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We are here to help!

**Alternative Options:**

We understand that not all families may have access to the internet or prefer digital formats. If you would still like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please contact the District Office to let us know, and we will make arrangements to provide that for you.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we take this important step toward a more sustainable and efficient future. We are excited about the opportunities this transition will bring and look forward to continuing our strong communication with you through our new digital platform.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the District Office at 315-845-6800. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership in supporting our students and community.

Warm regards,

*WCV Communications Team*

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Ms. Christine Nofri
Principal

## Jr/Sr High School

Mr. Glenn Broadbent
Principal

## Calendar

**June 12th**
-Academic Honors Night

**June 17th**
-Athletic Banquet

**June 17th-26th**
-Regents Exams

**June 24th**
-Universal Pre-K Graduation

**June 23rd**
-HS Graduation Rehearsal

**June 25th**
-6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

**June 28th**
-Graduation