



HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2026

DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

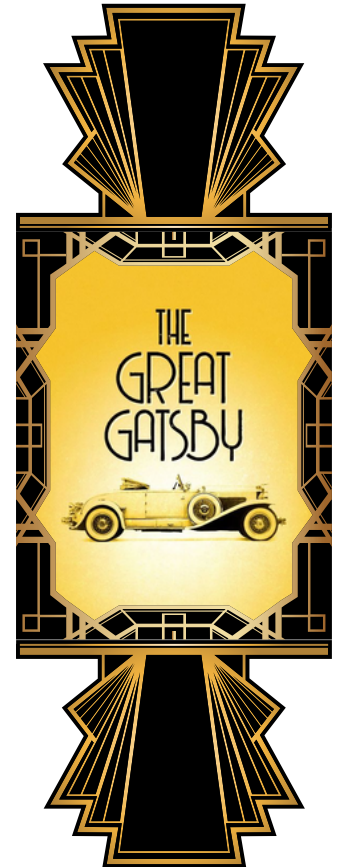
The West Canada Valley Drama Club is excited to announce their spring production of *The Great Gatsby* which will take place on March 27 and 28 at 7:00 pm in the West Canada Valley High School auditorium.

This show is based on the classic novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, adapted for the stage by Simon Levy, and features the ill-fated love story of the mysterious and charismatic Jay Gatsby (Matthew Lape) and the lovely and wealthy, yet wildly impulsive, Daisy Buchanan (Olivia Broadbent). Set during the Roaring 20s on the Long Island Sound, the plot is narrated by Daisy's cousin from the mid-west, Nick Carraway (Glenn Broadbent), who finds himself thrust into a world inhabited by a colorful cast of characters, including Daisy's ruthless and self-centered husband, Tom (Luke Dougherty), his mistress, Myrtle (Charlotte Allen), and her mechanic husband, George Wilson (William Muthig), as well as a strong and independent pro-golfer, Jordan Baker (Lily Williams). Through Nick's eyes, the audience experiences the wild excesses of the Roaring 20s.

Not only is *The Great Gatsby* a study of romantic obsession, it is also a cultural study of the Roaring 20s in America, and it has been a huge undertaking by Drama Club students! The show features music of the time period and numerous dance numbers, including "the Charleston", choreographed by student choreographer Cali Mayo. Characteristics of the time period, as well as of the classic novel and Broadway musical, are also reflected in the set, designed by members of the Art Club Stage crew members Alexa Haynes-Davis (lights) and Athena Franklin (sound) have had their hands full preparing for this complex and spectacular production.

We hope you will join us and immerse yourself in the Roaring 20s: jazz music, flappers, bootleggers, and more! Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door.

To ensure that everyone has an enjoyable experience, we want to advise that this performance contains adult content that may not be suitable for all patrons. Viewer discretion is advised.





FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Jeremy Siddon



As we move into the final months of the school year, West Canada Valley is entering one of its busiest times. Budget development for the 2026–2027 school year continues, and we are actively gathering additional information regarding anticipated revenue at both the state and federal levels. At the same time, our students continue to make academic progress, and the West Canada Valley Class of 2026 is entering the final stretch of their senior year.

Looking ahead, commencement is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2026. As we get closer to graduation, the district will communicate additional details with students, families, and the community.

Budget Season

As we continue through the development of the 2026–2027 school budget, I want to take a moment to share an update with our West Canada Valley community regarding the fiscal challenges we are facing.

Like many school districts across New York State, West Canada Valley is experiencing rising operational costs. In particular, increases in utilities and health insurance continue to place significant pressure on our overall budget. These expenses are largely outside of our control, yet they represent a substantial portion of our annual expenditures.

At the same time, the Governor's proposed budget includes a 1% increase in Foundation Aid for our district. While we are appreciative of any increase in state aid, this level of growth does not fully offset the rising costs we are encountering. As a district that relies heavily on state aid revenue, this creates a very tight financial picture for the coming year.

Despite these challenges, our commitment remains unchanged. We are working diligently to build a responsible, program-driven budget that prioritizes student learning while remaining mindful of our taxpayers. Our focus continues to be on maintaining strong academic programming, supporting the social-emotional well-being of our students, and preserving the extracurricular opportunities that are such an important part of the West Canada Valley experience.

West Canada Valley thanks you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming spring events. If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the district office. We are truly thankful for the strong support we receive from our community and it is greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT NEWS

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Two 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 **two (2)** members to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Current Board Members who have 3-year terms that will expire on June 30, 2026 are: Mrs. Alisa Brewer and Mr. Edwin Schatzel.

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 20, 2026.

INFO MEETING FOR PROSPECTIVE BOE CANDIDATES

"How to Become a School Board of Education Candidate and What You Need to Know"

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - check in

6:00 - 8:00 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

Questions regarding petitions for a seat on the Board of Education, or the informational meeting, should be sent to Daphne Raymo, District Clerk, PH: 315-845-6800, ext. 3380 or e-mailed to draymo@westcanada.org

////// ELEMENTARY NEWS

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

WCV elementary celebrated our veterans in November. Morning Program was dedicated to all of those who have served with music, poetry, historical facts and artwork. Thank you to all of our veterans and their families who were able to attend. Sixth grade classes also mailed almost 100 thank you letters to neighbors, friends and family members, near and far who are veterans, thanking them for their service.



THE GIVING TREE - THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to all who donated to our annual giving tree at Christmas. This year we were able to help 68 children receive many wonderful gifts. A special thanks to the Ryan Crawford Foundation, Connor's Way, WCV Staff and the community members who helped support this great cause. Without all of you, this wouldn't be possible.



4TH GRADE LEARNING FUN

Students in the fourth grade read an excerpt from an autobiography titled *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio* by Peg Kehret, who was a polio survivor. The students learned that in 1948, a retired school teacher named Eleanor Abbott invented the board game Candy Land after she was diagnosed with polio. Eleanor was surrounded by children suffering from the same disease, which inspired her to create a game that would entertain the children during their painful and lonely time in the hospital. As a culminating activity the 4th grade students played Candy Land!



////// ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

KIDS' HEART CHALLENGE

WCV Elementary participated in the **Kids Heart Challenge** in partnership with the American Heart Association. The program kicked off with an exciting assembly, and throughout the month of February, students will learn about developing healthy habits and the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR. All proceeds from the Kids Heart Challenge support cardiovascular health research and help children with special hearts.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

2026-2027 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 2026, children must meet the following requirements:

- **UPK 5-hour Program**
 - Child must turn four (4) years old on or before December 1, 2026
 - 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, 2026
- **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, 2026 are eligible for the West Canada Valley CSD Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) in September 2026. 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 10, 2026. 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
Wednesday, March 25	8:00am - 3:30pm Call to schedule an appointment	MS/HS Guidance Office (315)845-6800 Ext. 3353

If you have questions or are unable to attend the registration date 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 by Friday, April 10, 2026.**



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



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

TRAVELERS OF THE WEEK

Adventure Awaits at West Canada Valley Morning Program! This year, our Morning Program is celebrating the theme “Adventure Awaits at West Canada Valley!” Each week, three students are chosen as our **Travelers of the Week** for showing positive behaviors such as kindness, responsibility, and effort. These students remind us that learning is an exciting adventure, one where we grow, help others, and do our best every day.

October



November



December

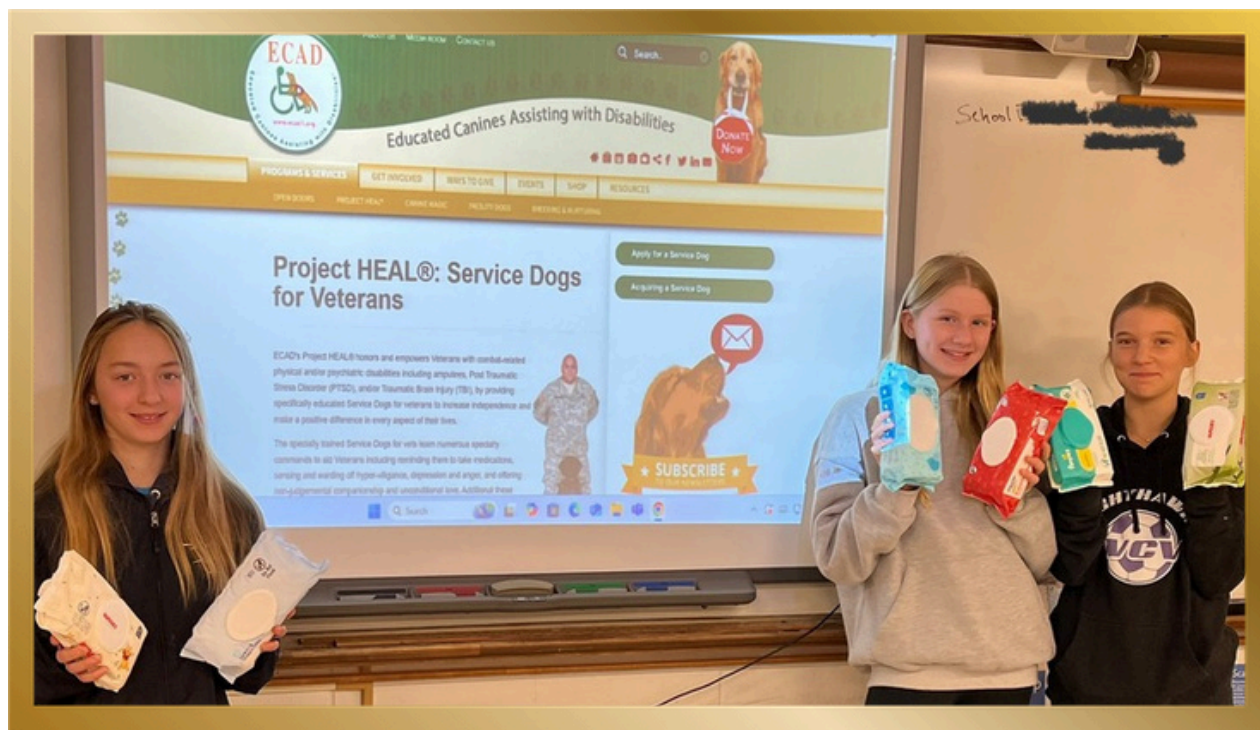


January



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENTS SUPPORT SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS



In honor of Veterans Day, students in Mr. Pullman's social studies classes participated in a drive for baby wipes. The packages were shipped to Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities (ECAD). This organization raises puppies and trains them to be service dogs. Among the many purposes these dogs fulfill, they are also trained to assist with Veterans who may live with a number of disabilities. The students engaged in class discussions relating to the sacrifices our Veterans make, and how service dogs can help them. They also kept track of a new litter of puppies at ECAD by checking in on their live puppy cam channel on YouTube. The baby wipes will help keep the puppies clean and fresh!

WEST CANADA VALLEY
NIGHTHAWKS

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>

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Ryder Aldrich – Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Ryder displays outstanding diligence and has a meticulous approach to his math work. He consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, taking time to ensure that each problem is solved with accuracy and clarity. His attention to detail and commitment to understanding mathematical concepts go beyond simple completion - he strives for mastery. He is a wonderful example of what it means to be a dedicated learner.

Olivia Bell – Health, Mr. Swiecki - Olivia makes class a better place for everyone involved. She turns in excellent quality work, answers questions, and greets students warmly in the morning. Her presence makes the room a warmer place!

Olivia Bell - Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus - Olivia is a pleasure to have in class. She comes to class each day with a big smile, ready and willing to learn. She is a hardworking and conscientious student. Olivia brings joy to the classroom. She always participates in class discussions. She's attentive, has a positive attitude, and considerate of others.

Molly Carlesimo - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Molly is off to a great start to the school year. She is a pleasure to have in class and submits high quality work. Keep up the good work!

Alexis Ellsworth - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Alexis is polite, intelligent, and hard-working. She completes all assignments on a regular basis and she is always willing to do whatever it takes to excel in my classroom. She is truly a model student in English 9 this year. Keep up the great work, Alexis!

Amelia Lekki - AP English 11: Language & Composition, Ms. Blynt - Amelia is a joy to have in English class! She is always thorough and thoughtful in her analysis of texts. I also really appreciate her willingness to participate actively in class discussions and contribute enthusiastically to her roles in plays read in class.

Gianna Macrina - ASL 2, Ms. Chmielewski - Gianna is always attentive, stays on task, completes work on time, and does extremely well in signing her projects and on exams.

////// MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION

Gianna Macrina - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Gianna is kind, polite, and hard-working. She never hesitates to participate in my classroom regardless of whether we're reading, working, or having a discussion. Gianna is truly a model student in English 10 this year! Keep up the great work, Gianna!

Paige Morgan - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Paige comes to class ready and willing to learn each day. She shows a genuine interest in the topics being taught. She has a great sense of humor and always participates in class discussions. She is always willing to help others and has a very polite demeanor about her. Paige is a joy to have in class.

William Muthig - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - William has been recognized as one of the top 24 flutes in the state of New York and will be participating in Conference All-State in December. This is an honor that is well deserved, they work very diligently and have excellent technique and musicianship! Congratulations, William - I am so proud of you!

Aubrey Reddington - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Aubrey has had a great start to the school year in social studies. She pays attention and works very hard. She brings good positive energy and smiles to class every day. Keep up the good work, Aubrey!

Charles Reinhardt - Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Charles is doing a fabulous job this year. He shows a great deal of potential as a flutist, works hard at it and is flying through the lesson book. He is pleasure to teach! Congratulations, Charles!

NOVEMBER 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



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Adonijah Allen - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Adi has been doing great over the past two months and participates in daily activities. Adi has excellent study habits and is a pleasure to have in class.

Sofia Baker - Algebra I, Mrs. Santmier - Sofia is a pleasure to have in class. She comes to class prepared and she participates in class discussions often. Sofia extends her work with Algebra outside of class time, and helps others in class when she can. Keep up the great work!

Owen Baslow - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Owen is intelligent, reliable, and always willing to lend a helping hand to his classmates. He consistently volunteers to read and answer questions, and he is truly an asset to my classroom. Keep up the great work, Owen!

Hope Clark - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Hope is a very diligent student. She tries hard in class and always makes sure all of her assignments are complete. Hope is a pleasure to have in class.

Madeline Crocker - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Madeline is a very conscientious student. She puts forth great effort and shows tremendous care with her class work. She consistently volunteers to participate in class, and is a kind classmate

Paige Harodecki - ASL 2, Ms. Chmielewski - Paige demonstrates excellent class effort, performs well on exams, volunteers to sign concepts in class or lead vocabulary, and performs extremely well on signed projects. She is a pleasure to have in class.

Tucker Hopsicker - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Tucker is intelligent, hard-working, and an asset to my English 9 classroom. He consistently volunteers to read and answer questions during various lessons. I am extremely proud of the level of achievement Tucker has shown throughout this school year! Keep up the great work, Tucker!

Emma Lyon - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Emma tries very hard in Science class. Her work is always complete and she takes advantage of all class activities to make sure she is doing the best work possible. Emma is a pleasure to have in class.

Natalie Shubich - English 11, Ms. Blynt - It's been a pleasure having Natalie's insightful contributions to class discussions the past quarter. She was really engaged with the class text and frequently offered her thoughts and analysis. It's refreshing to see her interest in course content.

Stephen Soloyna - Pre-Algebra, Ms. Santmier - Stephen is a pleasure to have in class. He is always prepared to work, and works hard at any assignment given. He is a good role model for his peers. Keep up the good work!

Karley Vincent - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Karley is an outstanding student whose positive attitude and strong work ethic make her a joy to have in class. She listens attentively, follows directions, and is always polite and respectful. She consistently completes all of her work on time and approaches every assignment with care and dedication. Her efforts show in the high scores she earns. Karley's commitment to excellence and her considerate demeanor make her truly deserving of this recognition!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Olivia Bell - Instrumental Music Lessons, Mrs. Bonney - Olivia is doing a wonderful job in lessons. She comes in with her flute material and solo consistently prepared and ready to learn. She is currently preparing a Level 6 (college level) solo in 9th grade. Olivia showcases an amazing tone, innate musicianship and excellent technique in her playing. Congratulations, Olivia!

Olivia Broadbent - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - Olivia is doing a stellar job as the principal trumpet in the Wind Ensemble. She shows great leadership in her position and backs it up with daily practice. She recently participated in a college audition masterclass and was selected as the principal trumpet for the Area All-State Band in November. I have no doubt that Olivia will excel in music as a career path! Congratulations, Olivia!

Kylie Dodge - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Kylie is an exemplary student in my English 10 classroom. She is hard-working, intelligent, and extremely helpful. She consistently volunteers to pass out books and materials to her classmates, and she will also often help others while completing assignments. She is truly an asset to my English 10 class! Keep up the great work, Kylie!

Paxson Dommer - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Paxson is a very hard worker. His assignments are always complete, he works well in group activities and he regularly participates in class. Keep up the good work Pax!

Zachary Keller - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Zachary is doing a great job in Social Studies 7. His homework is completed either on time or early, he participates in classroom activities daily and he has good study habits. He is not afraid to ask for clarification on topics and shows an understanding of materials presented. He is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Liliana McCann - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Liliana is kind, intelligent, and hard-working. She consistently volunteers to read aloud in class and never hesitates to answer questions. She also gets along well with her peers, and can often be found helping out her fellow classmates. Keep up the good work, Liliana!

Cody Streeter - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Cody is a pleasure to have in class. His work is always complete, he tries his best on all activities, and he is very helpful to other students while doing group work.

Savanah Symonds - English 11, Ms. Blynt - Savanah is having an excellent year in English class! She's always engaged and working to her fullest potential. I really appreciate her efforts in preparing for January's Regents exam which can, at times, be tedious.

Lily Williams - ASL 2, Ms. Chmielewski - Lily goes above assignment expectations and recently did an excellent job with the song project. Way to go, Lily!!

JANUARY 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Brady Allen - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Brady is such a pleasure to have in class. He is eager to participate, and he works really hard. Brady always tries his best. He is polite, studious, and respectful, and I greatly enjoy having him in my class!

Palina Avdeev - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Palina is a very hard worker. She shows up to class every day and tries her hardest. Her work is always complete and on time. She is a pleasure to have in class.

JANUARY 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Grady Crocker - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Grady is hard-working, intelligent, and is truly an asset to my classroom. He consistently volunteers to read and answer questions, and he can always be counted on to provide accurate information. Grady also puts great effort into his assignments on a daily basis. Keep up the great work!

Luke Dougherty - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Luke has been a fantastic student over the last few months. He's quiet, but he's a great listener and it shows on his assessments. Luke consistently achieves among the highest test scores in his class. He has excellent critical thinking skills and his ability to analyze historical documents is unparalleled. He has a great sense of humor and he's a polite young man.

Adaleah Goodman - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Adaleah consistently demonstrates responsibility and a strong commitment to her learning. She completes all assignments to the best of her ability and takes pride in her work. When she is absent, she independently makes up all missed assignments and ensures she stays on track. She performs well on assessments and genuinely cares about her academic progress, always striving to do her best. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and dedication to success make her a well deserving student of the month.

Kole Johnson - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Kole is one of the most improved students in Social Studies 7 this month. He has shown great improvement over the last few weeks. Keep up the good work!

Mia Jones - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Mia is one of the most improved students in Social Studies 7 this month. She has shown great improvement in her work over the past few weeks. Keep up the good work!

Lincoln King - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Lincoln is hard-working, intelligent, and extremely helpful. He consistently volunteers to read aloud during class, and he always does so with a smile. You can always count on Lincoln to have a positive attitude and brighten the days of others. Keep up the great work!

Urijah Oldick - Global History & Geography I, Mr., Sarus - Urijah has been locked in lately. He has really shown what he is capable of over the last few weeks. He's always on time, he's polite, he participates, and his work is completed. Urijah has demonstrated that he's a strong competitor whenever we play games too. He has a great attitude and sense of humor. He's a pleasure to have in class.

Annalee Skwara - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Annalee has done a great job in social studies all year. She puts forth great effort, is extremely polite, and volunteers to participate. Annalee is a true role model for her peers. Great job, Annalee!

Kaylee Usyk - AP/CN English 12, Ms. Blynt - I really enjoy Kaylee's positivity and diligence in English class. She is always willing to participate actively and creatively during discussions, and her written work is thoughtful and conscientiously completed. She is a delight to have in class.

Karley Vincent - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Karley is a very hard worker. She is very well behaved and goes out of her way to make sure all classwork and assignments are complete. Karley is a pleasure to have in class.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Troy Alford - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Troy brings so much positivity and life to our class. He consistently volunteers to read aloud, he tries to keep his friends in order, and he helps anyone who is falling behind. Troy has a solid work ethic, and he models responsibility for all of his classmates. It is an absolute pleasure having Troy in class.

Mackenzie Christiano - AP Language & Composition, Ms. Blynt - Mackenzie always gives her best in English class. She is diligent and comprehensive in her written work and willing to put in extra time to ensure she always does her best. I appreciate her enthusiasm and eagerness in class.

Paige Harodecki - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Paige comes to class ready and willing to learn each day. She is always polite and engaged in the lesson. She shows a genuine interest in the topics being taught and always participates in class discussions. I enjoy my conversations with her and she's a pleasure to have in class.

Veniamin Karyagin - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Veniamin is well prepared for class. His work is done to the best of his ability, he participates in class discussion and exhibits excellent study skills. He is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work.

Emma Lindsay - Math, Ms. Beach - This school year Emma has demonstrated an incredible improvement in her participation in math class. She works hard and completes all of her work in a timely manner. She does all of her work without an issue, and helps her classmates any chance she gets.

FEBRUARY 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Logan Maida -English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Logan is a pleasure to have in my English 10 class. He is always focused and consistently volunteers to answer questions within my classroom. He also never hesitates to collect books and materials before the bell. Keep up the great work, Logan!

Liliana McCann - Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus - Liliana comes to class each day ready and willing to learn and participate. She has a great attitude and sense of humor. Her smile and positive energy are contagious. Lily's assignments are always completed in a timely and thorough manner. She shows a genuine interest in the subject matter and is always willing to help her classmates. She is a hardworking and conscientious student who excels on assessments. Lily's attention to detail is appreciated and she's a joy to have in class.

Natalie Morgan - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Natalie is a pleasure to have in class. She works hard, is extremely polite, and cares about what she's doing. She is also a very kind classmate to her peers. Congrats, Natalie!

Miranda Reinhardt -English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Miranda is intelligent, kind, and extremely selfless. She consistently volunteers to collect materials before and after lessons, and she also never hesitates to answer questions while reading and learning. Keep up the great work, Miranda!



ALL-COUNTY II MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school on March 20 & 21 in the Herkimer County All-County Festival to be held at Frankfort-Schuyler High School, concert at 3pm on Saturday, March 21st. In the Elementary Band: Mellena Hawkins, Kaylin Bowman, Truly Skwara, Alanna Thomas, Emma Willis, Abigail Markwardt. In the Junior High Chorus: Natalie Morgan, Annalee Skwara, Valerie Bouchard, Sophia Fee, Athena Franklin, Riley Burdick, Lucy Michael, Mason Gauthier, Bobby Brown, Elias Ayers. In the High School Band: William Muthig, Charlotte Allen, Paige Morgan, Kaylee Usyk, Brook Helmer, Amelia Lekki, Cuyler Colony, Matthew Lape, Olivia Broadbent, Isabella Schrader, Glenn Broadbent, Lily Williams, Cali Mayo, Paige Harodecki, Jordan Salvagni, Samuel Stewart.

Important Reminder: Student Working Papers

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

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

MAY 2026 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 6, 8:00 AM
AP United States History	Friday, May 8, 8:00 AM
AP Studio Art	Friday, May 8, 8:00 AM (portfolios due)
AP English Language and Composition (Juniors)	Wednesday, May 13, 8:00 AM
AP Spanish Language and Culture	Thursday, May 14, 8:00 AM

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING

We will meet 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 implemented at this time.

Seniors:

- Scholarships are available to all seniors and shared via the Counselors' Class of 2026 Google Classroom. The scholarship spreadsheet is also posted on the Guidance and Counseling Services page of the school website.
- Please share 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 Tuesday, April 14. 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. 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.
- 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.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULING

Spring 2025		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.	Saturday, March 14	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
	Saturday, May 2	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
	Saturday, June 6	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025
ACT Visit act.org	Saturday, April 11	Friday, March 6	Tuesday, March 24
	Saturday, June 13	Friday, May 8	Friday, May 29

Sophomores:

- Sophomore Visitation at Herkimer BOCES to visit CTE programs will take place Thursday, March 5, 2026. BOCES will also be holding an Open House on Thursday, March 12th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM for any students and families wishing to attend. Visit www.herkimer-boces.org for more information.
- 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.

Freshmen:

- On Wednesday, March 18, the Freshman class will be attending a Career Day at Herkimer College.

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)	Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15
Math (grades 7 & 8)	Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30
Science (grade 8)	Thursday, May 7

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. To avoid any delays, please have your child check with the Health Office before the start of each season to ensure their physical is still valid. Pink medical forms will be handed out on February 9th and need to be returned on March 9th or they cannot play on the first day of spring sports!

Working Papers:

Planning to start a part-time job? To receive working papers for employment, a current physical exam must be on file with the Health Office. We cannot issue papers without one, so plan ahead!

Physical Examinations:

New York State Law requires a health examination for all students entering the school district for the first time, and the following grades: **Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade.**

Physicals are valid for 12 months. Physicals are acceptable that have been performed no longer than 12 months prior to the first day of school in September.

Attendance & Health Reminders:

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

When to stay home: To keep our school community healthy, students who go home with a fever, vomiting or diarrhea must remain home until they are symptom free for a full 24 hrs. without the use of medication.

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

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Elementary School Nurse
alyon@westcanada.org
Phone: 315-845-6800 ext. 1152



Chloe Warmingham, BSNRN
Middle/High School Nurse
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FOOD SERVICE NEWS

CAFETERIA CORNER

February 2026

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. Students must take at least 3 items and one must be a fruit or vegetable.

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 in this newsletter.

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

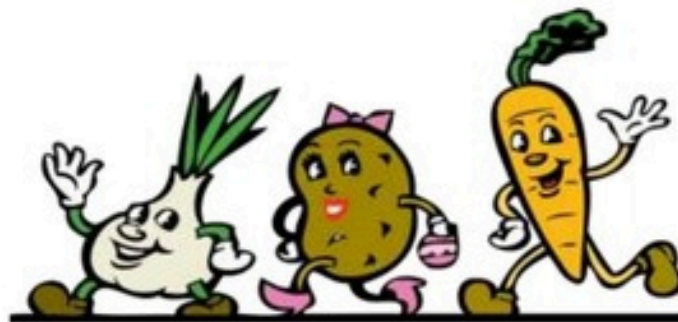
- They help provide essential funding for our school district directly into your student's classroom
- Receive discounted utilities and internet access
- Become eligible for fee waivers for college applications and admission tests (i.e. SATs, ACTs, AP)
- Receive benefits regardless of citizenship status

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

We continue offer à 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 carrying cash with them and keeps you in control of how much your student can spend on extra food while at school.

My staff and I enjoy serving our students and staff and look forward to providing healthy nutritious and delicious meals to all! If you have any questions regarding the Child Nutrition Program, please call 315-845-6800 ext. 3360 or send an e-mail sbutler@westcanada.org.

Shelby Butler, Food Service Director



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

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

Income Total Household Income/How Often: Household Size:

Free Eligibility Reduced Eligibility Denied Eligibility
Signature of Reviewing Official

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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WEST CANADA VALLEY MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CONCERT DATES



MAR 4
MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH CONCERT
5th-12th Bands
7:00 PM



MAY 12
SPRING CONCERT III
JR Chorus, SR Chorus, JR Band
7:00 PM

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH CONCERT
5th-12th Choruses
7:00 PM



MAR 12

SPRING CONCERT IV
4th GR/Elem Band & Chorus
6:30 PM



MAY 19



MAR 20
ALL COUNTY II
Frankfort-Schuyler CSD



MAY 25
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
10:00 AM
Middleville

ALL COUNTY II
Frankfort-Schuyler CSD



MAR 21

SONG FEST 2026
West Canadians & Jazz Ensemble
7:00 PM



JUNE 3



MAY 5
SPRING CONCERT I
Senior Band
7:00 PM



JUNE 4
SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS
Jazz Ensemble & Small Ensemble

SPRING CONCERT II
1st & 3rd Grade
6:00 PM



MAY 7

SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS
Jazz Ensemble & Small Ensemble



JUNE 5



MAY 8
SOLO FESTIVAL
Level 1-6/AS
Central Valley



JUNE 6
SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS
MS Band, HS Band, Marching Band
TBA

SOLO FESTIVAL
Level 1-6/AS
Central Valley



MAY 9

VIOLET FESTIVAL PARADE
10:00 AM
Dolgeville



JUNE 13



West Canada Valley
 Central School District
 5447 State Route 28
 P.O. Box 360
 Newport, NY 13416

Non - Profit
 Organization
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Newport, NY
 Permit #5

District Office

Mr. Jeremy Siddon
 Superintendent
 315-845-6800
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Business Office

Ms. Kelley Crossett
 Business Manager

Elementary School

Ms. Christine Nofri
 Principal

Jr/Sr High School

Mr. Glenn Broadbent
 Principal

Upcoming Events

March 4

Music in Our Schools Concert
 Grades 5-12 Bands

March 12

Music in our Schools Concert
 Grades 4-12 Choruses

March 20-21

All County II

March 20-21

Elementary Parent/Teacher
 Conferences

March 25

Superintendent's Day, No Students

April 2

Special Board of Education Mtg.
 Finance Presentation



Did you know?

Users can fine-tune their notification settings for posts for each school and district. For General Announcements, you can select Digest, Instant, or choose to turn off notifications altogether (excluding Urgent Alerts and notices.) You can choose to receive email, text, and/or app notifications.

Click the link below to find out more on how to customize ParentSquare to your needs.

[Manage Your Notification Settings \(For Parents\)](#)

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