



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

*School and Community
Working Together*

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MARCH 2026

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING SPORTS MEETING
3/5

PASTA DINNER FOR DC TRIP
3/6

BOE MEETING • 3/10

NHS INDUCTION • 3/10

COMMUNITY ED: STAINED
GLASS • 3/12

SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY
(NO SCHOOL) • 3/13

ELEMENTARY MUSICAL
3/13 & 3/15

FIRST DAY OF SPRING
SPORTS • 3/16

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC • 3/21

COMMUNITY ED: RUBBER
STAMP MAKING • 3/23

COMMUNITY ED: STAINED
GLASS • 3/26

FARM MARKET EVERY
SATURDAY IN MARCH

SCAN TO VIEW
EVENT CALENDAR



KINDNESS WEEK





CAPITAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

BY MR. DANIEL AMODEO, SUPERINTENDENT

As we spring into March, we are hopeful that the worst of winter weather and potential snow days have passed us by. We are nearly three quarters of the way through the 2025-26 school year with important months still to come.

CAPITAL PROJECT 2024 UPDATES

Thank you to Young & Wright Architects and Campus Construction for their expertise and assistance with a very successful "Bid Day" that was held on February 4 for our Capital Project 2024. Bid day is when local contractors formally submit bids for various components of our capital project. West Valley has had fifteen different contractors submit a bid and this has allowed us to meet nearly all our project goals. The highlights of the project are below:

- Complete Playground Reconstruction
- Library Media Center Renovation
- Gymnasium Painting
- New Bus Garage Roof (completed)
- Complete milling and paving of rear parking lot and driveway
- Updated Lighting and ceiling grids throughout the building
- New Generator Installation

Please see the different renderings inside of our newsletter that show some of the scope of our Capital Project. To complete most of the project by the end of this summer we plan to begin construction as early as April.

BUDGET

At our February 10 Board of Education meeting, we presented our expected revenues for the 2026-27 school year. We shared in our last newsletter that the Governor's budget has provided only a 1% increase in foundation aid for West Valley and all "save harmless" schools. It is possible that this may increase in the state's final approved budget. We are also still hopeful that the Governor will include an increase in our PILOT which has stayed the same since 1996.

Currently we have a good picture of what our revenues will be. At our next BOE meeting we will present:

- Our anticipated expenses for the 2026-27 school year,
- Tax levy limit calculation and,
- A complete draft budget



HERE COMES SPRING!

BY MRS. MYCHAJLUK, PRINCIPAL

Dear Wildcat Families,

As we welcome March, there is a renewed sense of energy throughout West Valley. This time of year feels like a natural turning point, as we start looking ahead to spring and continue strengthening the relationships and deepening the learning that make our school community so special.

One of the things that makes West Valley unique is the strong sense of connection among our students, staff, and families. Each day, I see our students living out our shared expectations through both ROARS and RISE. Whether demonstrating Respect, Ownership, Attitude, Responsibility, and Safety, or showing Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Empathy, our students continue to build a positive and supportive school culture. These shared values guide how we learn, work together, and support one another.

As we move into the coming weeks, our focus remains on helping students stay engaged, set goals, and continue growing academically and personally. Our staff continues to collaborate, reflect on student progress, and provide meaningful learning experiences that challenge and inspire our students while ensuring they feel supported along the way.

Spring will bring many opportunities for connection through school events, activities, and celebrations. I encourage families to stay involved and continue partnering with us as we work together to support every learner.

Thank you for being such an important part of the West Valley community. It is truly a privilege to work alongside you in supporting our students each day.



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

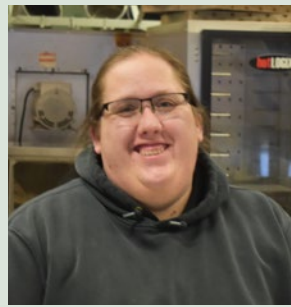
- Submit 2026-27 calculation for tax levy limit to Office of State Comptroller (3/1/26)
- Present 2026-27 draft budget to the Board of Education (3/10/26)
- Adoption of Legal Notice by the Board of Education (3/10/26)

APRIL 2026

- Legal notice of school budget hearing and budget vote. Must advertise four times within 7 weeks of the vote with first publication at least 45 days before date of budget vote (3/31-4/4/26)
- Adoption of the 2026-27 budget by the Board of Education (4/21/26)
- Adoption of the Property Tax Report Card by the Board of Education (4/21/26)
- Deadline for school board nominating petitions to District Clerk (4/21/26)
- Property Tax Report Card due to NYS Education Department (4/22/26)
- Military ballots are to be mailed (no later than 4/24/26)
- Property Tax Report Card emailed to legal newspaper (no later than 4/27/26)
- Prepare absentee ballot applications, absentee ballot, related envelopes, and directions

MAY 2026

- Budget statement and required attachments available to public (no later than 5/5/26)
- Public Budget Hearing (5/12/26)
- Budget notice mailed to district residents (5/13/26)
- Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election (5/19/26)
- Board of Education meeting (5/19/26)



KARA BAASE

OUR NEWEST WILDCAT!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Kara Baase, our new Chef/Manager of the Food Service Department. Kara has been with West Valley for three months and is responsible for providing nutritious meals to students and staff each day.

Kara brings a strong culinary background to West Valley. She is a graduate of Johnson & Wales

University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she studied Culinary Arts. Her experience includes ten years as a line cook at Seneca Allegany Casino and five years as a head cook in another school district.

Originally from Tampa, Florida, Kara enjoys spending her free time riding side-by-sides with her husband and friends, discovering new places, and trying unique local restaurants. She's also a proud dog mom to three very spoiled pups. Kara says she has truly enjoyed how welcoming everyone has been and looks forward to coming to work each day.

We're happy to have Kara as part of the West Valley team!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are planning on offering more classes this year! If you or someone you know would be willing to teach a class or workshop, please contact Carolyn Boberg, Superintendent Secretary/District Clerk, at cboberg@wvalley.org or (716)942-3100, extension 4102.

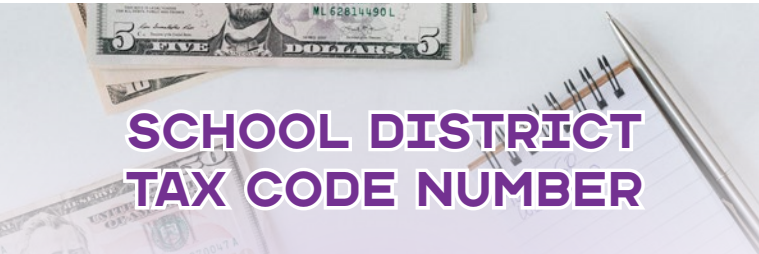
CHILD FIND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all district residents with children between birth and age 21: **If your child is disabled or you suspect s/he may be disabled, you may be entitled to special education and related services, without cost to you.**

Please contact the Special Education office at 716-942-3100, extension 4149, to register your child or obtain further information.

Notice is in compliance with IDEA "Child Find" requirements Education Law 4402(l)(a).





SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CODE NUMBER

The New York State resident income tax returns (IT-200 and IT-201) require you to enter the name and code number of the public-school district where you were a resident as of December 31 for the tax year 2025.

The school district name and code for entry on state income tax forms are:

District Name:

West Valley Central School District

District Code:

690

It is important to put this number on your tax return because it helps determine the amount of State Aid the school district receives.

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

The deadline for transportation requests to a non-public school for your student(s) outside of the West Valley Central School District is April 1, 2026. Parents/Guardians are reminded that written transportation requests must be received by this date, to be eligible for the 2026-2027 school year.

Send requests to:

Ms. Jennifer Schultz, Business Administrator
West Valley Central School
5359 School Street
West Valley, New York 14171



Are you interested in running for **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?**

Petitions to be a candidate for a Board of Education seat are available beginning March 11, 2026, in the district office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

There is one (1) seat open for election to the Board of Education.

- **Five-year term**, currently held by Jonathan Boberg (expires on June 30, 2026). If elected to this seat your term will start July 1, 2026.

The petition requires signatures and residences of at least 25 qualified voters. On the petition, the candidate's name and residence should be on each page of the petition.

The signed petitions must be filed with Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk, by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2026.

To qualify to be a board candidate you must meet the following criteria:

- A citizen of the United States
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older

- Able to read and write
- A legal resident of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one (1) year prior to the election
- Cannot be an employee of the West Valley Central School District
- The only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the West Valley Central School District Board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, including, but not limited to superintendent, clerk, tax collector, treasurer or librarian, or an employee of the Board. In union free and central school districts, however, a Board member may be appointed clerk of the board and of the district
- Must not have been removed from a school district office within one (1) year preceding the date of appointment or election to the Board.



WILDCAT ATHLETICS



VARSITY BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT

Congratulations to Karson Heitman and Derik Schoepflin!



SPORTS MEDIA DAY!

**ORDER YOUR
WEST VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL
YEARBOOK TODAY!**

**\$50 TOTAL
SPLIT PAYMENT OPTION AVAILABLE
(\$25 UPON ORDER + \$25 IN JUNE)**

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

HR. TEACHER _____

GRADE _____

PHONE # _____

**SCAN TO PLACE YOUR
ORDER ONLINE**



**SEND TO MR. DASH OR MRS. GARTHWAITE
BY 3/13/26**





WV PTO Presents:

Spring Into Fun

A dance for grades 2-5

5:30-7:00pm in the Aud

April 24th

Wear your nicest dress or
fanciest shirt and come dance
with us!



WV PTO Presents:

Spring Into Fun



A dance for grades 6-8

7:30-9:30pm in the Aud

April 24th

Admission- FREE

Concessions will be for sale!



JOIN US FOR A PASTA DINNER



TO HELP FUNDRAISE FOR THE
8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

4:30PM-6:30PM OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

\$7 TICKET INCLUDES PASTA, SALAD, ROLL, DRINK

DESSERTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

WEST VALLEY CAFETERIA

GLUTEN FREE/MEATLESS SAUCE AVAILABLE

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

PLEASE SEE AN 8TH GRADER FOR TICKETS

MR. LEMBKE/MR. HARBISON ADVISORS



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL



FOR GRADES 7-12

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

MARCH 21ST-9-11AM

APRIL 25TH-9-11AM

JUNE 6TH- 9-11AM

CLINIC IS FOR ANY ATHLETE
WHO PLAYS VOLLEYBALL OR
IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING
VOLLEYBALL

COME JOIN
COACH GARTHWAITE
COACH SCHEFFLER
COACH FOX AND
WORK ON YOUR
VOLLEYBALL
SKILLS WHILE
PLAYING SOME
FUN GAMES.

MARCH 2026

2025 - 2026

ADHD/LEARNING DIFFERENCES

SUPPORT GROUP



3rd Tuesday Every Month

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

March 17, April 21,

May 19, June 16

Are you a parent of a child with learning disabilities or do you **suspect** they have a learning disability?

DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS

RECEIVE SUPPORT

Get information that's practical, constructive, and helpful.

CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Learn more about coping with your problems through shared experiences.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

A safe place to share your experiences and challenges.

HOSTS

Erin Reisdorf

Parent of child with special needs.



Nicole Sweeney

Parent of 2 children with Dyslexia and Dysgraphia



SPONSORS



Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:



Registration is required to receive Zoom link

www.parentnetworkwny.org/events

716-332-4170 or info@parentnetworkwny.org



COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES SPRING 2026

We're excited to offer a diverse range of classes and activities designed to enrich your personal and professional life.

REGISTRATION FORM

*West Valley Central School
Community Education | Spring 2026*

Please fill out completely and print legibly.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Phone Number _____

Email for notification _____
(please print carefully)

Course Name _____

I am 21 years of age or older Yes No
(please circle)

For Office Use:

Date Received _____

Check # _____

Class Fee _____

REGISTRATION

Please complete a separate registration form and payment for each person and each class. Copies or 3x5 cards are acceptable. Be sure to include the correct course name. Registration and payment can be dropped off at the school or mailed to the address below. Reminder: we will not accept cash as a form of payment.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECK TO:

West Valley Central School
Community Education Department
5359 School St
West Valley, NY 14171

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

WVCSD

CONTACT US

Email: cboberg@wvalley.org
Phone: 716-942-3100, ext. 4102
during office hours, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m, M-F

No classes will take place when school is closed

ENTERING OUR SCHOOL:

As part of the district's security protocol, the only exterior door that will be unlocked is the main entrance in front of school.

STAINED GLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Melissa Pearl

Stained glass is a hands-on course in which participants will learn the fundamental techniques of stained glass, including assembling glass pieces to create beautiful designs. You will explore the basics of foiling, soldering, and the proper use of tools. By the end of the course, you will have crafted your own stained-glass project to take home and will have the skills to continue the exploration of this timeless art form. No prior experience is necessary — just a passion for creativity and learning! Choose one (1) of the offered designs.



RUBBER STAMP CARD MAKING

Instructor: Jody Enser

How would you like to impress your friends and family with handmade cards? Each class you will make 8 cards, 2 each of 4 different designs.

Multi-Purpose Conference Room, West Valley Central School

Date: March 23, April 20, May 11

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per class and all supplies are included.

Minimum number of participants per class: 2

Registration deadline: One week prior to scheduled class.

Multi-Purpose Conference Room, West Valley Central School

Date: March 12, March 26

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per class and all materials included

Maximum number of participants per class: 4

Registration deadline: One week prior to scheduled class.

FREE Community Clothes Closet



Location: Behind St. John the Baptist Church in Bingham Hall

The Community Clothes Closet will be open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1-4:00 p.m. (or by appointment).

Donations of gently worn, undamaged, clean, and seasonal items are welcome.

Besides clothing and shoes, we accept donations of bedding, kitchen and household items for Cattaraugus County residents. Upon request, we can fulfill a need of furniture items.

For questions or to make an appointment, please contact Jacque Conrad at 716-942-3836 or Elise at 716-942-3291.

FEEDMORE WNY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

If any family wishes to participate in our **Weekend Backpack Program**, please contact Mr. LaBrake anytime during the school year. The goal of the Weekend Backpack Program is to provide nutritious and easy-to-prepare meals for children to take home on weekends. This program is provided to you **completely free of charge!**

Each week your child will be provided with a bag of nutritious, non-perishable food to be eaten over the weekend. The food will be placed in your child's backpack at the end of the school day and is intended to be opened once your child is home. The program will continue throughout the 2025-26 school year. Participation in the Weekend Backpack Program **will not affect your family's eligibility for other food assistance programs (such as SNAP, WIC, or food pantry access).**

To enroll your child/children in the program, contact Mr. LaBrake. Please call with any questions at 716-942-3100, ext. 4148 or send an email to mlabrake@wvalley.org.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays
Open from 3-7:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Open from 12 -4:00 p.m.

If you need emergency food, please call
Amy Frank - 716-942-6657 or
Kristine Aldrow - 716-942-6690
and they will set up a day and time.

LOCATED AT A NEW ADDRESS!
9348 Route 240, West Valley

THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CANNED FRUIT
SIDE RICE/NOODLE DISHES
SPAGHETTI SAUCE

CANNED VEGETABLES
SALAD DRESSING

PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER

We would like to thank the community for their continued support.



ACCESS WEST VALLEY'S FOOD SERVICE MENUS ANYWHERE!

View daily breakfast and lunch menus, check nutrition information, download a printable version, or save to your phone.

Scan the QR code or visit:

www.wvalley.org/departments/food-service



West Valley Central School Becomes a Certified Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

On January 13, 2026, West Valley Central School officially became a New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP). This certification allows the school to play an active role in opioid overdose prevention by providing education, training, and access to life-saving medication.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

As a registered OOPP under New York State Public Health Law 3309, West Valley Central School is authorized to:

- Train non-medical individuals to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose
- Teach proper response steps, including calling 911, rescue breathing, and administering naloxone (Narcan)
- Distribute naloxone kits at no cost to trained individuals

This training is evidence-based, NYSDOH-approved, and designed to empower people to act quickly and confidently in an emergency.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

To meet NYSDOH requirements, the program includes:

- **Free overdose response training** for Trained Overdose Responders (TORs)
- **Medical oversight** provided by a designated Clinical Director
- A **Program Director** responsible for daily operations and compliance
- Careful **record-keeping and reporting** to ensure accountability and safety

All naloxone use is reported to the NYSDOH, helping improve statewide prevention efforts.

WVCS HEALTH CORNER

LEGAL PROTECTIONS & EDUCATION

The program also provides education about:

- **Good Samaritan protections**, which shield individuals from liability when naloxone is administered in good faith.
- The **911 Good Samaritan Law**, which protects people from drug possession charges when seeking emergency help during an overdose.

These re protections are critical in encouraging fast action when minutes matter.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Becoming a certified OOPP reflects West Valley Central School's commitment to **student safety, staff preparedness, and community well-being**. Opioid overdoses can happen anywhere, and timely response saves lives. By offering education and access to naloxone, the school is helping reduce stigma, increase awareness, and strengthen our collective ability to respond to emergencies.

This program does not promote drug use; it **promotes preparedness, compassion, and prevention**.

West Valley Central School is proud to be part of a growing network of schools and community organizations working to protect lives and support healthier futures.



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Daniel Amodeo, Superintendent
Jennifer Schultz, Business Administrator
Rachel Mychajluk, Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
John Collins, Assistant Principal, CSE/CPSE/504 Chairperson

NON PROFIT
ORGANIZATION

U.S. POSTAGE PAID

Permit No. 5
West Valley, NY

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

POSTAL PATRON LOCAL

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

An energetic musical revue featuring favorite songs from popular movies, performed by students in grades 3, 4, and 5.

March 13 & 14 | at 7:00 p.m.

At WVCS



Love fresh fruits and veggies?

Stop by to purchase fresh, healthy, affordable and locally grown produce!



West Valley Central School



EVERY SATURDAY

10:30am-11:30am



The Farm Market accepts credit, debit, cash, SNAP, and Apple Pay!

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

www.wvalley.org

