



# WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

*School and Community  
Working Together*

**VOLUME 33, No. 2**

**SEPTEMBER 2026**

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**  
9/2

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES • 9/8**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
9/8

**SENIOR PICTURE DAY • 9/25**

**SCAN TO VIEW  
EVENT CALENDAR**



# BACK To School



## Bell Schedule

|               |          |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| 1 HR          | 7:36 AM  | 7:41 AM  |
| PER 1         | 7:44 AM  | 8:24 AM  |
| PER 2         | 8:27 AM  | 9:07 AM  |
| PER 3         | 9:10 AM  | 9:50 AM  |
| PER 4         | 9:53 AM  | 10:33 AM |
| PER 5         | 10:36 AM | 11:16 AM |
| K-4 Lunch     | 11:19 AM | 11:49 AM |
| PER 6 (5-12)  | 11:19 AM | 11:59 AM |
| PER 7A (K-4)  | 11:52 AM | 12:32 PM |
| 5-8 Lunch     | 12:02 PM | 12:32 PM |
| PER 7B (9-12) | 12:02 PM | 12:42 PM |
| PER 8 (K-8)   | 12:35 PM | 1:15 PM  |
| 9-12 Lunch    | 12:45 PM | 1:15 PM  |
| PER 9         | 1:18 PM  | 1:58 PM  |
| PER 10        | 2:01 PM  | 2:41 PM  |

## VIEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES LISTS HERE!



## CALENDAR CORRECTION

Please note a correction to the printed calendar that was recently mailed to families. **December 23rd** is listed as a school day, but Winter Recess actually begins that day. Students will not have school starting 12/23.





## START OF THE NEW YEAR

BY MR. DANIEL AMODEO, SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome back students, families, and staff to an exciting new beginning! We all face adversity, hardships, setbacks, and let downs, and often tell ourselves tomorrow is a new day and another opportunity. Easier said than done, but arguably one of the best things about being a student and an educator is the opportunity to truly have a fresh start with each new school year. It's an opportunity to create a new vision, new goals, and rewrite your story.

When our students, families, and staff are together on Wednesday, September 2 for "Meet the Teacher Night" you will see much that is new. Most of the work in our voter approved 2024 Capital Project and 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Project will be completed. This includes:

- New school-community playground with an enclosed basketball court.
- Completely repainted gym including graphics.
- A renovated Library and STEAM room that modernizes these learning spaces with today's standards.
- A fully paved rear parking lot that allows for improved drainage and safety.
- A renovated Nurse's office that allows for a confidential working space and greater student service.
- Energy saving light fixtures throughout the Elementary area.

In addition to our facilities improvements, we are excited to welcome several new staff to the West Valley family.

- Samuel Kellogg: Mechanical Technology 7-12
- Madison Tilyou: Math 7-12
- Megan Anderson: 1st Grade
- Stacie Ermer: Elementary Art
- Joseph Moore: Laborer
- Steven Webster: Bus Driver

We are excited about all that is new and look forward to creating opportunities to engage with our school community. We are already planning for our future school years that will have new graduation requirements (Portrait of a Graduate), facilities and equipment needs, and close monitoring of the district's fiscal health.

As we get ready for the start of school, remember we are not just a school but a community. We support each other to achieve our goals, dreams, and successes, and unite to overcome challenges and adversity. Every day is another chance to learn and grow. Every day is an opportunity to extend a helping hand. Every day is an opportunity to do the best we can and every day we create our futures. I wish you all a fantastic new school year and hope you enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in a few short weeks, if not sooner.



## THE NEW YEAR IS UPON US

BY MRS. MYCHAJLUK, PRINCIPAL

*Dear West Valley Families,*

As August comes to a close, excitement is building as we prepare to welcome our Wildcats back for another great school year! The start of a new year always brings fresh opportunities to learn, grow, and strengthen the relationships that make West Valley such a special place.

This year, families will notice a few changes to our daily schedule. One of the biggest adjustments is the addition of **three lunch periods**, allowing our elementary (UPK-4), middle (5-8), and high school (9-12) students to eat separately. While older students will have lunch a little later in the day, this schedule provides additional opportunities for teacher collaboration and planning, ultimately benefiting student learning. As with any new schedule, there may be a few minor adjustments during the first weeks of school, and we appreciate your patience as we fine-tune our routines.

As we prepare for the first day of school, I encourage every family to begin easing back into a consistent routine. Over the next few weeks, try to:

- Establish a regular bedtime and wake-up time.
- Put away phones, tablets, and other electronics at least an hour before bedtime.
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Spend a little time reading or reviewing skills to help transition back into learning mode.

These simple habits not only help students arrive at school rested and ready to learn, but they can also reduce stress and anxiety that sometimes accompany the beginning of a new school year. While feeling nervous is completely normal, please know that our staff is here to help. Our school counselor and social worker are available to support students and families whenever needed, and we encourage anyone with concerns to reach out.

I am especially looking forward to seeing everyone at our **Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday, September 2**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers, explore classrooms, ask questions, and begin building the strong partnerships between home and school that are so important to student success.

The 2026-2027 school year promises to be filled with exciting opportunities, meaningful learning, and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will make this an outstanding year for every Wildcat.

I can't wait to welcome everyone back!

# #WeAreWestValley



# MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

West Valley Central School Auditorium

To help make the start of the school year more organized and less stressful, we are holding a **Meet the Teacher Night** before the first day of school. This event is designed to give students and families the opportunity to prepare for a successful year by meeting teachers, becoming familiar with classrooms, and taking care of many of the tasks that typically occur on the first day of school.

During the evening, students will be able to bring in and organize their school supplies, set up lockers (Grades 7–12), receive their laptops (Grades 7–12), and pick up their class schedules. Families will also receive important school information, complete required forms, and have the opportunity to visit informational tables featuring ParentSquare, the eSchool Parent Portal, the West Valley PTO, and other school resources.

**ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED** as this event will help ensure students are ready for a smooth and successful first day of school.

## Evening Schedule

### 5:00–5:20 p.m.

- Welcome & Principal's Message (Auditorium)

### 5:25–7:00 p.m.

- Student Schedule Pick-Up
- Meet Your Teachers & Visit Classrooms
- Parent Digital Access Survey (one survey per student)
- Locker Set-Up (Grades 7–12)
- Laptop Distribution (Grades 7–12)
- ParentSquare, eSchool Parent Portal, PTO, and Information Tables

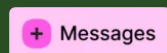
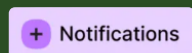
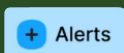
We look forward to welcoming everyone back and kicking off another outstanding school year together!



# ParentSquare

All district communication will be sent via ParentSquare to the email address or phone number we have on file for each parent/guardian. Communications can also be received on the ParentSquare mobile app.

If you need to update your phone number or email address, please call Dana Westfall at 716-942-3100 ext. 4170.



## The Digital PSAT/NMSQT Wednesday, October 21, 2026

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, our school will administer the Digital PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) for 10th and 11th graders using their own school-issued device. The cost per student is \$18.00, and checks are to be made payable to WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL. The deadline to sign up and pay for the test is Friday, October 9, 2026, in the guidance office or with Mrs. Westfall in the main office. Even if your child is not considering college now, they should take the PSAT/NMSQT. Just taking it can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, goals, and the education necessary to achieve those goals. Please visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat-suite-benefits-students-parents/why-take-psat/why-take-psat-nmsqt> for reasons to take the PSAT/NMSQT, preparing for the Digital PSAT/NMSQT, what to expect on test day, and scholarships to help pay for college.

## SAT & ACT Information 2026-27

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/dates-deadlines>

| SAT Test Date* | Registration Deadline | Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration** |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 12, 2026 | Aug. 28, 2026         | Sept. 1, 2026                                                       |
| Oct. 3, 2026   | Sept. 18, 2026        | Sept. 22, 2026                                                      |
| Nov. 7, 2026   | Oct. 23, 2026         | Oct. 27, 2026                                                       |
| Dec. 5, 2026   | Nov. 20, 2026         | Nov. 24, 2026                                                       |
| March 6, 2027  | Feb. 19, 2027         | Feb. 23, 2027                                                       |
| May 1, 2027    | Apr. 16, 2027         | April 20, 2027                                                      |
| June 5, 2027   | May 21, 2027          | May 25, 2027                                                        |

\*Students who need to borrow a device from College Board will need to register and request their device earlier than the registration deadline—at least 30 days before test day.

\*\*Late registration is available worldwide. Additional fees apply.

## WNY Consortium of Higher Education Common Recruitment Fall 2026

**October 7, 2026 - 8:00 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.**

The WNY Consortium Common Recruitment Committee is excited to visit and meet with our students this fall. The WNY Consortium is comprised of approximately 20 colleges and universities across the Western New York region. On Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from 8:00 A.M. – 8:35 A.M., the WNY Consortium will be in the auditorium. This is a free event for students in grades 10-12.

## FALL SPORTS + SCHEDULES

**CROSS COUNTRY** *(at West Valley)*

**VOLLEYBALL** *(at West Valley with Franklinville)*

-VARSITY

-JV

-MODIFIED

**FOOTBALL** *(with Franklinville)*

-VARSITY

-MODIFIED

**GAME DAY CHEER**  
*(at Franklinville)*



## 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).

They are currently not accepting donations at this time

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 716-244-7059 or Elise at 716-942-3291.



## 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 12:00 - 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.

### LOCATION

9348 Route 240, West Valley

## FEEDMORE WNY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

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 2026-27 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](mailto:mlabrake@wvalley.org)



# 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](http://www.wvalley.org/departments/food-service)



## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

Serving buffet style from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
West Valley

### ***Everyone is welcome!***

Join us for a hot meal, good conversation, and help build community. Dessert too!  
We host a community dinner on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except Nov. And Dec.) All are welcome to attend. Donations are accepted but not expected.

# WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Calendar

### 2026-2027



| JULY 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| S         | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 19        | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26        | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| AUGUST 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| SEPTEMBER 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| OCTOBER 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| NOVEMBER 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
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| DECEMBER 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Teacher Day 11:50-7pm<br>Meet Teacher 5-7pm   |
| Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Supt. Day-no students                         |
| Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>    | No School                                     |
| Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 1 <sup>st</sup> day All Students              |
| Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>     | 15 min Early Dismissal                        |
| Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>    | Columbus Day                                  |
| Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Veteran's Day                                 |
| Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter ends                  |
| Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | ½ day all students,<br>Parent Conf. 12-7pm    |
| Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>    | ½ day all students,<br>Parent Conf. 12-2:30pm |
| Nov. 25-27 <sup>th</sup> | Thanksgiving Recess                           |
| Dec. 23-31 <sup>st</sup> | Winter Recess                                 |
| Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Winter Recess                                 |
| Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>    | M.L. King Jr. Day                             |
| Jan. 26-29 <sup>th</sup> | Regent exams                                  |
| Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter ends                  |
| Feb. 15-19 <sup>th</sup> | Mid-Winter Recess                             |
| Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>    | ½ day all students<br>Parent Conf. 12-2:30pm  |
| Mar. 26-31 <sup>st</sup> | Spring Recess                                 |
| Apr. 1-2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Spring Recess                                 |
| Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter ends                  |
| April 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Supt. Day                                     |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>     | Memorial Day                                  |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Last day 7-12 students                        |
| June 15-25 <sup>th</sup> | Regent exams                                  |
| June 18 <sup>th</sup>    | Juneteenth Observance                         |
| June 23-24 <sup>th</sup> | ½ day-UPK-6 students                          |
| June 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Last day UPK-6 students                       |
| June 24 <sup>th</sup>    | 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter ends                  |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup>    | Rating Day/Graduation                         |

Total Student Days (7-12) = 181  
Total Student Days (UPK-6) = 180  
Total Teacher Days = 184

| JANUARY 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| FEBRUARY 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| MARCH 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| APRIL 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| MAY 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| JUNE 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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### BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Adam Fisher, Vice President  
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Tracy Chai  
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George Kazmierczak  
Melissa Pearl  
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### ADMINISTRATION

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**Jennifer Schultz**, Business Administrator  
**Rachel Mychajluk**, Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

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Permit No. 5  
West Valley, NY

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**POSTAL PATRON LOCAL**



## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

West Valley Central School District uses Parent Square to send an automated message regarding school closings and cancellations of after school activities. The message is sent to your household phone number and to the emergency contacts that you listed at the beginning of this school year. If this information has changed or you would like to verify what is on file, please call Dana Westfall at 716-942-3100 extension 4111. The district also contacts the following radio and television stations:

**Channel 2**  
**WBEN 930 AM**

**Channel 4**  
**WPIG 95.7 FM**

**Channel 7**  
**Big Oly 107.1**  
**& 105.5 FM**



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[www.wvalley.org](http://www.wvalley.org)