

## **EdTalk: October 1, 2021**

### **Dr. David Leach, WVCSD Superintendent of Schools**

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Warwick Valley High School's homecoming is a welcome tradition for the school and the community. It's a homecoming for our school's alumni, a chance to visit their old stomping grounds and reconnect with friends, teachers, and the underclassmen they left behind. For our students, the festivities begin with Spirit Week, a week-long festival. In Warwick, homecoming consists of a parade down Main Street with beautiful, student-made floats and a big football game. The much-anticipated homecoming king and queen are crowned, and the evening concludes with a Homecoming Social. It's a week to honor our community's strong sense of pride. Go Wildcats!

This year's Spirit Week theme days are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 4: Red, White and Blue Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 5: Concert T-Shirt Day
- Wednesday, Oct. 6: Western Wednesday
- Thursday, Oct. 7: Dress for Your Favorite Season Day
- Friday, Oct. 8: Purple and Gold School Spirit Day (A pep rally will take place during school at the football field.)

The parade will start at noon on Warwick's Main Street, and the game will begin at 1:30 p.m. at Warwick Valley High School's C. Ashley Morgan Field. The Homecoming Social will be held in the school gymnasium from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This year's Homecoming theme will be seasons. The classes have been assigned the following:

- Seniors: Fall
- Juniors: Summer
- Sophomores: Winter
- Freshmen: Spring

The following are some of the highlights from our schools in the past week:

#### **Pine Island Elementary School**

Lorie Ingber's and Katherine Caswell's students were introduced to the Reading Workshop. Students learned that they are already "readers" by reading the signs, symbols and words in and around their classroom and school. Signs and symbols such as the American flag, stop sign, green light, numbers, etc... are universal symbols that we all know.

#### **Park Avenue Elementary School**

Fourth-graders that expressed interest in participating in the Student Council will get real-life experience in leadership and citizenship. All of our events and opportunities will help them cultivate the characteristics depicted in our district's Portrait of a Graduate. For example, students will meet regularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school hours to plan things such as our upcoming Homecoming Parade and this year's Veteran's Day celebration. These meetings and the corresponding work will require students to collaborate with one another, learn from each other and their advisor, and communicate effectively.

### **Sanfordville Elementary School**

Shawn Myers kicked off intramurals for his third- and fourth-graders. Twenty students from each grade will meet on separate days through the fall to have some fun in activities such as floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, and sideline soccer.

### **Warwick Valley Middle School**

The Middle School was excited to launch its "My Jersey, Your Impact" initiative. Each week on game day, eighth-graders will give their jersey to a staff member who has had a positive impact on them throughout their time at the Middle School. Matthew Desrats honored Corinne Lane, his seventh-grade Home and Careers teacher, for having a positive impact on him. We are excited to see who is honored this week.

### **Warwick Valley High School**

The Project Lead the Way - Biomedical Sciences program is off to a great start engaging in hands-on learning labs that simulate real world forensic protocols. This year we have eight classes of different levels of coursework in the Biomedical Sciences program. The student interest has really taken off and Eric Tillinghast and Jamie Barchi have a reputation for making science fun and engaging.