



Graduation Honors

Valedictorian



With a cumulative academic weighted average of 103.068, Elizabeth McPeak is the Westhill High School Class of 2024 valedictorian. Elizabeth has maintained an extremely rigorous course schedule throughout high school and is a member of the National Honor Society, DECA, Academic Decathlon and Editor of the Yearbook. She is a three time recipient of the Old English W award and the Citizenship Award. Outside of the classroom, Elizabeth is an accomplished athlete, participating in Varsity Tennis and Basketball. Elizabeth plans to attend Binghamton University in the fall, majoring in Accounting. Congratulations to Elizabeth McPeak for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2024 Valedictorian!

Salutarian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.662, Cade Caloia is the Class of 2024 Salutarian. Cade has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Vice President of the Senior Class. He is a 2022 and 2023 recipient of the Old English W award, as well as receiving the RIT Math and Science award. Cade is a talented performer participating in the spring musicals all 4 years and was cast as a lead in this year's show. Cade also participated in Varsity Soccer, Indoor and Outdoor Track. Cade will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall majoring in Engineering. Congratulations to Cade Caloia for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2024 Salutarian!



Westhill High School

Most Outstanding Senior

Drew O'Reilly was selected as the Class of 2024 Most Outstanding Senior. Drew graduated with a 102.00 academic GPA and will attend Worcester Polytech Institute in the fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering with the intention of pursuing a career in Engineering or Medicine. Drew completed Honors level and AP course work during his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Drew has won the American Citizenship Award and the United States History Book award. Outside of the classroom, Drew is a talented athlete participating in Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track making it to the State Meet on multiple occasions. He has also won a total of 15 Sectional Championships in his time at Westhill High School. Additionally, Drew is a musician playing the French Horn in the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Lab, as well playing the piano outside of school. Drew was a participant in the Health Occupations Students Association (HOSA), which started this year and has also been involved in Student Government. Congratulations to Drew for being selected as the 2024 Westhill Most Outstanding Senior!



Old English "W" Recipients

The Old English "W" is a traditional Westhill award bestowed on the individual students who have earned the highest academic grade point average for their respective grade levels for the current school year. The Old English "W" is one of Westhill's most honored traditions. Listed below are this year's recipients and their academic GPA for this school year.

9th grade

Samantha Colangelo (102.42)
Austin Choe (101.82)

10th grade

Jenna Wilbur (103.28)
Kayleigh King (103.24) (Second year in a row)

11th grade

Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe (105.32) (Third year in a row)
Laney Siple (104.22) (Third year in a row)

12th grade

Elizabeth McPeak (104.96) (Fourth Year in a row)
Cade Caloia (103.86) (Third year in a row)

Westhill Athletes Honored

On Monday, June 10th, at The SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College, Section III recognized two of Westhill's finest student athletes. Surrounded by their families and coaches, Westhill seniors, Andrew O'Reilly and Elizabeth McPeak were honored by Section III as Senior Scholar Athletes. This event is an opportunity for Section III to honor selected scholar athletes for their accomplishments in academics and athletics. Andrew is a three-sport varsity athlete participating in cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. At the event Andrew was announced as the winner of the Mountain Goat Foundation Award, a \$500.00 scholarship. Andrew will be furthering his academic career at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he will study biomedical engineering and running cross country, indoor and outdoor track. Elizabeth, is a two-sport letter winner in tennis and basketball. Elizabeth will be continuing her education at Binghamton University where she will study accounting in the fall. We would like to congratulate Andrew and Elizabeth for their exceptional achievements throughout their high school careers and wish them much success in the future.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Doug Hutson Leadership Award

The Doug Hutson Leadership Award was established in 2012 to honor Mr. Hutson for his dedication of nearly 20 years as Onondaga Hill Middle School's principal. The winners who are chosen by the faculty, represent the values Mr. Hutson tried to instill in his students; making good choices, being respectful and showing character to name a few. This year's winners were presented with their award on Moving Up Night. Congratulations to Jack Carruth and Grace Stroman!



Tara McMahon Award

The OHMS Parent Council established the Tara McMahon award in memory of Tara, a beloved OHMS student, who passed away. The school and Parent Council wanted to remember the characteristics of Tara with two annual winners from the 8th grade class. The faculty selected two students that exemplified her passion for music, displayed a caring attitude and included their peers in school activities. Congratulations to Evan Chaddock and Sofia Savelesky!



Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award

The Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award has been established to honor the enduring legacy of Kathy Tompkins by retired and current staff members of Onondaga Hill Middle School. As a beloved teacher and friend, she inspired those around her, especially young singers and theater lovers during her twenty-four year career as music teacher at Onondaga Hill Middle School. Mrs. Tompkins was known by all for her kindness and compassion, as well as her tenacity in inspiring students to shine. This year's winners, announced at Moving Up Night, are Christian Cordova and Katherine Pluff.



Walberta Park School

Flag Day

Flag Day was a success! The rain held out and we were able to have a beautiful, fun-filled parade with the students from Walberta Park and Cherry Road. The Kindergarten students had so much fun participating in their first Flag Day celebration and are already excited for next year! A big thank you to Mrs. Colaluca, Mr. Auge, and Dr. Kramer, as well as our SROs and the Geddes Police Department for making it such a great event!



Walberta Park & Cherry Road Schools

Special Education Classes Attend Olympiad

Cherry Road's exceptional athletes participated in the Onondaga County Special Olympiad on Thursday, June 6th. The events included shot put, running on the track, long jump, broad jump, football and softball throw, and soccer shoot out. Events are modified so that people with many different abilities can participate! This event also included some fun yard games, a sensory tent, and a resource fair for parents to get connected in the community. Congratulations to all of the athletes on a day of effort, positivity, and celebration!



Senior Walk-Through at WPS

Westhill seniors walked through WPS one last time before graduation day. Pictured are seniors Jack Van Epps, Connor Knohl and Keegan Sexton along with kindergarten students Madison Mulpagno, Kaia McCauley, Jane Kowalczyk, Ariana Hawley and Patrick Hurley.



Fun at Santaro Park!

4th grade students enjoyed a fun day at Santaro Park for a 4th grade field trip. The students had a lot of fun there for the day and enjoyed a picnic with their friends and classmates.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

United in Diversity

This spring, Onondaga Middle School celebrated the first ever “United in diversity” event. IDEAS club and Henna Club collaborated on a successful celebration of our differences. This event took place during IA, with over a hundred students and staff attending. There was food from different businesses in the community. Thank you Yamasho Sushi Steakhouse, Leader Market, Sardo’s Pizza and Fish Fry, and Beijing Chinese Food. This was a great event to show unity within each other. Staff showcased their cultural dances. Students also shared their cultural dances. We also had students from Henna Club do henna on other students! It was very heartwarming to see everyone participating and trying out different dances. It was a great afternoon of celebrating each other and a wonderful learning opportunity for the students and staff. Thank you everyone for everything you contributed to make this a success! “IDEAS Worth Spreading” book signing took place after the “United and diversity” event. During the celebration, the 5th graders were able to sign copies of their “IDEAS Worth Spreading” book that they have worked on all year. At this event, the parents of the 5th and 6th grade leaders were invited. After the book signing, we did a 6th grade graduation/celebration from IDEAS. A lot of the 6th graders have been participating in IDEAS since the 4th grade! They were given a T-shirt made by O’Neill Screen Printing in Syracuse. The 6th graders gave speeches about their growth in school and around the community. We are very proud of all of the leadership they have shown to the school and the future of IDEAS. The amount of empathy and respect that was present this year has given everyone so much hope.



Westhill High School

Seal of Civic Readiness

Westhill High School has 59 students receiving the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness. This is the first year we are offering it at Westhill.

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences. The Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on a high school transcript and diploma:

- shows the student's understanding of a commitment to participatory government; civic responsibility and civic values;
- demonstrates to universities, colleges, and future employers that the student has completed an action project in civics or social justice; and recognizes the value of civic engagement and scholarship.
- Civic-ready students use civic knowledge, skills, and mindsets to make decisions and take actions to help improve and enrich our culturally diverse, democratic society.

The students receiving this honor are:

Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget
Amorese, Vincent
Battista, Megan
Borne, Gavin
Burdick, Bryce
Caloia, Cade
Carson, Kendall
Cottrell, Catherine
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton
DeSanto, Emma
Dimovski, Sofia
Enriquez, Grace
Evans, Rachel
Finnerty, Sean
Formica, Lauren
Forian, Reagan
Goodness, Hannah
Hogan, Jameson

Infanti, Luke
Johnson, Isabella
Kaczor, Carrie
Kleberg IV, David
Knohl, Caitlyn
Knohl, Connor
Knoll, Quinn
Kohanski, Morgan
Korrie, Alexa
Lancette, Alison
Leonardo, Isabel
Mahoney, Rosemary
Martin, Nathan
McGlynn, Grace
McPeak, Elizabeth
Medeiros, Steven
Mueller, Elizabeth
Nagraj, Luciana
O'Reilly, Andrew
Paetow, Emma

Pens, Grady
Phillips, Marissa
Plochocki, Alexander
Robbins, Regan
Rogers, Kathleen
Sainsbury, Katelyn
Saya-Pucello, Adriana
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan
Spasevski, Gianna
Suddaby, Jackson
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna
Thomas, A'my
Thompson, Molly
Wilsch, Emma
Young, Isabel
Zawadzki, Dominic
Zema, Rose



WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2023-2024

Grade 12 Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget
Altheblah, Ayesha
Altheblah, Hasan
Amorese, Vincent
Andrella, Kyle
Battista, Megan
Borne, Gavin
Burdick, Bryce
Caloia, Cade
Campanella, Jack
Campbell, Ryan
Carson, Kendall
Chandler, Willow
Cognato, Nina
Cosby, Pierreonna
Cottrell, Catherine
Craven, Ryley
Curriden, Morgan
Dabbiero, Joshua
Dacko, Alexander
Darling, Damon
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton
DeSanto, Emma
Dimovski, Sofia
Edlund, Shamus
Enriquez, Grace
Evans, Rachel
Falcone, Taylor
Finnerty, Sean
Formica, Lauren
Gacek, Chloe
Goodness, Hannah
Gratien, Joshua
Gray, Gracelyn
Herrera, Elle
Hogan, Jameson
Johnson, Isabella
Johnston, Brendan
Kaczor, Carrie
Keyes, Connor
Kleberg IV, David
Kleberg, Elena
Knohl, Caitlyn
Knohl, Connor
Knoll, Caroline
Korrie, Alexa
Lancette, Alison
Lasher, Ava
Leonardo, Isabel
Lopez, Cameron
MacLachlan, Nathan
Madigan III, Michael
Mahoney, Rosemary
McClave, Miley
McGlynn, Grace
McPeak, Benjamin
McPeak, Elizabeth
Mueller, Elizabeth
Nagraj, Luciana
O'Reilly, Andrew

Paetow, Emma
Pens, Grady
Petrone, Sophia
Pettiford, Ni'Jhay
Phillips, Marissa
Pickett, Luke
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Rinaldi, Emily
Robbins, Regan
Rogers, Kathleen
Saad, Basma
Saini, Danish
Sainsbury, Katelyn
Saya-Pucello, Adriana
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan
Shanahan, Maggie
Sheridan, Patrick
Simmons, Alexandria
Small, Chloe
Smithers, Samuel
Smyth, Shay
Sparks, Julia
Spasevski, Gianna
Spencer, Taylor
Stanton, Jane
Stiner, Duke
Stiner, William
Suddaby, Jackson
Talucci, Reagan
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna
Thomas, A'my
Thompson, Molly
Thornton, Ellie
Tjaden, Hannah
Van Epps, Jack
Walsh, Maggie
Wilsch, Emma
Yockell, Alexandra
Young, Isabel
Zawadzki, Dominic
Zema, Rose

Grade 11 Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Abedrabbah, Razan
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Abraham, Sarah
Adams, Alexandra
Agle, Lucas
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille
Andrella, Dylan
Antoine, Ava
Balduzzi, Emily
Baty, Ava
Bender, Alice
Bergett, Grace
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Campbell, Miracle

Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony
Cecile, Annabella
Ciaramella, Francesca
Colangelo, Anabelle
Cole, Chloe
Cusimano, Rocco
DeLine, William
DeMore, Timothy
Detor, Claire
Donegan, Sophia
Dorfman, Molly
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen
Ferrer-Menendez, Emma
Fitzgerald, Nora
Geiger, Angelyna
Goldman, Adyson
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma
Griffin, Maxwell
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hamam, Israa
Hange, Georgia
Hayes V, Robert
Heise, Morgan
Henese, Luke
Holowinski, Aubrey
Jetter, Siena
Joyce, Camaryn
Juman, Eli
Kelly, Caleigh
Kimball, Lauren
Klamm, Jeremiah
Loveless, Lillian
MacBain, Sydney
Macko, Jacob
Mathews, Camryn
McCloat, Abrianna
McGann, Julie
Medeiros, Sydney
Merrick, Thomas
Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
Pease, Jack Ryan
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Popp, Edward
Ramsing, Cadence
Rienhardt, Emily
Roesch, Elizabeth
Rose, Conor
Rosenberger, Kara
Sampo, Anthony
Sauer, Tripp
Scheel, Nicholas
Sheridan, Riley
Shiel, Colin
Siple, Helena
Sisack, Emlyn
Stanton, Laura
Starowicz, Avery
Sullivan, Grace

Swierk, Ryan
Tarolli, Evangelina
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Thabet, Sabri
Uwase, Sadia
Valenti, Claire
Valenti, Sophia
Vashchishin, Anna

Grade 10 Honor

Amidon, Aiden
Amorese, Gabriel
Anderson, Elizabeth
Bruzdinski III, John
Buell, Addison
Campanella, Tyler
Carruthers, Adelynn
Clark, Riley
Cognato, John
Cordova, Vincent
Cowin, Maxwell
Cruthirds, Caleb
Currier, Tahjjar
Curtis, Fenris
Czaplicki, Benjamin
D'Agostino, Elizabeth
Eckert, Anna
Faigle, Grace
Franco, Mason
Ganley, Caroline
Goode, Delaney
Goode, Hadley
Goodness, Jackson
Goodwin, Zachary
Gorman, Grace
Hatch, Milo
Hayes, John
Hayes, Selina
Hill, Jael
Hoffman, Sophia
Holleran, Liam
Holstein, Eric
Hunt, Thomas
Jackson, Anna
Kaczor, Stella
Kenny, Ronan
Kenny, Tiernan
Kincaid, Cormac
King, Kayleigh
Kohanski, Adriana
Langham, Allison
Lopez, Collin
Maines, Aiden
Mann, Mackenzie
Mason, Je'Mia
McGann, Rylee
McKeon, Hunter
Militi, Eva
Mondo, Andrew
Mullen, Eileen
Napolitano, Stella

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Olesh, Anita	Speer, Trinity	D'Agostino, Claire	Montalto, Adelina
Ortiz, Leila	Stotler, Adam	DeLine, Lucas	Moore, James
Parry, Eleanor	Stroman, Peter	DeMore, Lucy	Mulligan, Ava
Pellegrino, Brandon	Talucci, Gage	Destito, Isabella	Murphy, Kaylin
Pens, Kellen	Thompson, William	DeTomaso, Giana	Murphy, Lucy
Perry, Alexa	Turner, Braelyn	Domick, Isabella	Nagraj, Mariana
Petrone, Calvin	Tyszka, Alexander	Edlund, Kiera	Pawelczyk, Allison
Pickett, Ella	Valerino, Angelina	Ellis, Christine	Pease, Logan
Pope, Sienna	Vaughan, Margaret	Enright, Aaliyah	Piel, Alexander
Poston, Aryanna	Wallace, Caleb	Finnerty, Ryan	Primiano, Eulalia
Prince, Elias	Ward, Alexis	Frasier, Jackson	Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne
Ramos, Carlos	Wilbur, Jena	Gallardo, Isabella	Rouse, Brielle
Reilly, Olivia	Wilson, Carter	Garcia, Jamil	Ruski, Serenity
Rice, Lorenzo	Winkler, Avery	Gehm, Tyler	Ryan, Elliette
Richardson, Carter	Wright, Reagan	Gray, Owen	Sauer, Parker
Roach, Meara	Young, Katherine	Headd, John-Paul	Scanlon, Charles
Rudiger, Abigail		Heneseey, Matthew	Shephard, Mathew
Ryan, Molly	Grade 9 Honor	Herne, Louis	Singh, Harjot
Sadowski, Andrew	Abdallah, Sadeen	Hodkinson, Anna	Sobotka, Mariusz
Sainsbury, Claire	Abraham, Sophia	Horning, Grace	Soule, Eva
Sainsbury, Ryan	Alberts, Adeline	Ide, Caitlin	Spasevski, Ivana
Satalin, Erin	Allen, Brooke	Jackson, Jake	Taylor, Addison
Scarfino, Dominic	Allen, Max	Johnson, Sophia	Thabet, Dhuha
Schmitz, Lily	Altheblah, Brahim	Kelly, Claire	Thabet, Edhem
Shephard, Madicine	Bagnell, Tatum	Kelly, Teagan	Thompkins, Amora
Shepherd, Ellis	Bruzdzinski, Lottie	Kimball, Samantha	Vashchishin, Samuel
Shewchuk, Aurora	Campbell, Mireyah	Kinney, Mary	Walker, Eli
Sierotnik, Christopher	Cardoso, Nicolas	Krenrich, Kaitlin	West, Emma
Sisson, Kevin	Chandler, Samantha	Lasher, Sophia	Williamson, Cayden
Snyder, Amie	Choe, Austin	MacLachlan, Thomas	Wilmot, Owen
Snyder, Meghan	Colangelo, Samantha	McGann, Sean	Young, Daniel
Somers, Adelynn	Conley, Colleen	McGee, Felicity	Young, Trevor
Soule, Madelyn	Conroy, Mackenzie	McNeilly, Hazel	Zhdan, Vitalii
Sparks, Olivia	Crawford, Lane	McRae, Ayanah	Zuckerman, Zoe

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2023-2024

Grade 8 High Honor	Marinelli, Joseph	Grade 8 Honor	Kelly, Quinn
Almamari, Shahd	McMahon, Emmett	Auringer, Schuyler	Ketchum, Hayden
Athanas, Andrew	Mondo, Melissa	Belcore, Rosella	Mathews, Leigh
Carruth, John	Morse, Shealyn	Buckman, Skylar	Morales, Willa
Chaddock, Evan	Mower, Addison	Buell, Sydney	Ososkalo, Matthew
Coleman, Reilly	Napolitano, Sabine	Cassalia, Patrick	Parry, Evangeline
Collacchi, Emma	Platt, Hayden	Centore, Angelina	Pichoske, Nicholas
Columbus, Hannah	Pluff, Katherine	Cognato, Averie	Powless, Shaniya
DeFabbio, Sophia	Presley, Alexandra	Cordova, Christian	Pratt, Jackson
Delay, Clare	Rewakowski, Andrew	Culligan, Brea	Root, Addison
Dixon, Reagan	Ritz, Leo	Davis, Jada	Ross, Caleb
Dowd, Cameron	Satalin, David	DelRio, Stef'Fonie	Scarfino, Stella
Eldred, Jade	Savelesky, Sofia	Diaz, Naomi	Scheel, Annabelle
Francisco, Dean	Scott, Khloe	Donegan, Redd	Schug, McKenzie
Gaines, Lyla	Scozzari, Samuel	Dunbar, Teagan	Seitz, Noah
Ganley, Daniel	Spinner, Kaleigha	Flegel, Julia	Tarolli, Thomas
Gerasimovich, Isabella	Starowicz, Fiona	Franco, Maxwell	Tolbert, Peychenze
Gridley, Dylan	Straub, Emily	Gaffney, Liam	Tremblay, Addyson
Grosso, Eva	Stroman, Grace	Glover, Charles	Wilbur, Corinne
Jaquint, Stone	Tjaden, Julia	Glover, Henry	Wilson, Blake
Lin, Cayla	Tyszka, William	Hamam, Aiham	Ziober, Beckham
Maestri, David	Viscome, Cailin	Hange, Brooke	
Marceau, Adrien	Zheng, Winnie	Ibrahim, Ahmad	

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Grade 7 High Honor

Anderson, Eliana
Auringer, Giada
Barcak, Natalie
Brown, Juliana
Burns, Madigan
Canavan, Virginia
Carroll, Elliott
Cobb, Logan
Colangelo, Carmella
Coleman, Reagan
Collett, Reagan
Cook, Jack
Czaplicki, Kate
DeLine, James
Destito, Amelia
Dimovski, Luka
Durant, Clark
Ellis, Nicholas
Engle, Isabella
Etoll, Keira
Fraser, Brady
Gallardo, Sophie
Giannino, Arianna
Green, Dylan
Greenfield, Gavin
Horning, Anne
Jackson, Griffin
Judge, Antonia
Konkol, Khaya
LaSalle, Amelia
Mahoney, Audrey
Olesh, Sofia
Paparo, Morgan
Pluff, Shanley
Pratt, Tyler
Quattrocci, Bryan
Ramos, Cielo
Rogers, Brian
Scanlon, Michael
Scheirer, Gianna
Schermerhorn, Kiley
Schilling, Aedan
Sisack, Brynna
Soule, Charles
Sova, Jeremy
Sprouse, Eamon
Tjaden, Trey
Valenti, Michael
Walsh, Reagan
Walsh, Riley
Zuckerman, Alexander

Grade 7 Honor

Abdelfatah, Sela
Altheblah, Yusuf
Battista, Jacqueline
Besaw, Jacob
Campanella, Luke

Canavan, Luna
Carson, Landon
Chase, Livia
Condon, Madigan
Danboise III, Real
Detor, Bridget
Dhamoon, Gurtej
Flegel, Jackson
Fowler, Tyler
Friend, Connor
Fuller, Owen
Gumtow, Evey
Hagan, Albert
Headd, Matthew
Hubler, Audrey
LeFever, Alaina
Manning, Kierra
Marshall, Spencer
Montalto, Eliana
Morgan, Ella
Obernesser, Charles
Pendergast, Tanner
Preville, Nicholas
Primiano, Adelina
Rashid, Teffero
Reynolds, Abigail
Robinson, Cassius
Rowley, Mya
Sierotnik, Lillian
Stoddard, Franklin
Storinge, Harry
West, William
White, Layla
Young, Elizabeth
Zhdan, Yuliia

Grade 6 High Honor

Abedrabbah, Muhammad
Aiduk, Mya
Aladwar, Malik
Allen, Daniel
Almamari, Ahd
Alsofari, Ahmed
Amidon, Alexander
Auge, Cooper
Bagnell, Clive
Baracco, Isla
Brooks, Judah
Carlyle, Kathryn
Carroll, Kathryn
Carruth, William
Carruthers, Jasper
Cass, Joseph
Cenajko, Elliot
Chang, Samantha
Clark, Avery
Clyne, Landon
Collins, Joseph
Connelly, Quinn

Couse, Vincent
DAgostino, Hailey
Dixon, Maura
Donegan, Ella
Eischen, Jane
Esposito, Jocelyn
Francisco, Juliana
Freund, Ethan
Gehm, Julia
Goodwin, Kelly
Gridley, Luke
Grome, Macie
Henderson, Aiden
Hennigan, Evelyn
Hicks, Blin
Holowinski, Lucas
Holt, Shiloh
Ibrahim, Janelle
Ireland, Madilyn
Jackson, Colin
Jackson, Owen
Jaquint, Atticus
Kalinowski, Elliott
Kelly, Quest
Killoran, Kellan
Kimball, Michael
Kinney, Caroline
Klamm, Dilynn
Konkol, Tobi
LaRosa, Olivia
Loucks, Gabriel
Maestri, Emilia
Maguire, Kendall
Mamorella, Isabel
Marceau, Oliver
Mathews, Max
McNeilly, Harrison
Morse, Malachy
Nugent, Jackson
O'Brien, Helena
ONEil, Molly
Padula, Ana
Parr, Kendall
Past, Lily
Pautz, Peyton
Pillari, Patrick
Platt, Jayden
Pope, Deja
Presley, Clare
Primiano, Alana
Pucello, Ella
Redmond, Julia
Richardson, Jillian
Romano, Jack
Root, Seamus
Rotella, Lyla
Satalin, Gehrig
Satalin, Kathleen
Savelesky, Aurora

Scozzari, Alexandra
Seitz, Eden
Seymour, Lyla
Sisson, Charles
Stash, Ella
Streiff, Chiara
Thomas, Zahle
Tyszka, Benjamin
Walts, Belle
Weinsztok, Noah
Wells, Ava
Wells, Karah
Whipple, Mason
Woodring, Emma
Worden, Nora
Zheng, Suri

Grade 6 Honor

Abraham, Nina
Agley, Logan
Armani, Joviana
Burns, Charles
Campbell, Mieharu
Cassidy IV, Charles
Connell, Taylor
Connelly, Griffin
Crawford, Trenton
Culhane, Finnegan
Fogarty, Connor
Grobosky, Rowen
Harris, Terry
Herne, Charles
Hope, Lilly
Huggins, Jahsai
Kearney-Tiano, Lilianna
Kimball, Julia
Kincaid, Megan
King, Xander
Kline, Tatum
LaFramboise, Naomi
Maldonado-Royer, Madeline
Montague, Benjamin
Mosleh, Maysa
Nicholson, Shaniy
O'Brien, Mason
Omar, Asha
Pickett, Jack
Scanlon, Henry
Singletary, JaLani
Sow, Ahmad
Stokes, Lucas
Thabet, Jenna
Viavattine, Francesca
Williams, Isabella
Wilmot, Lily

Westhill High School

Feedback from Future Fans: 9th Graders Collaborate with 3rd Graders

Ninth-grade students in Honors English embarked on a thrilling historical adventure through the “History Remix” project. After examining how authors tailor their work for different audiences, these students worked in teams to begin their own journeys exploring local historical figures and events to write historical fiction and nonfiction books targeted to appeal to Cherry Road Elementary School third-grade students.

The project kicked off with a fun local history trivia day with Westhill High School librarian Ms. Regitano, and it was followed by a presentation by Robert Searing, Curator of History at the Onondaga Historical Association, who shared his expertise on local history to spark ideas. Students Allie Pawelczyk and Grace Horning wrote a grant that was funded by the Westhill Educational Foundation and Arts In Education that allowed students to gain valuable insights from Vanessa Johnson, a local griot/storyteller, who presented a Jerry Rescue Re-Enactment and explained the process she goes through to create engaging but historically accurate stories.

Students then transformed into detective teams, researching fascinating local figures and events that shaped their communities. By digging into primary sources, reading online articles, exploring local history print books, interviewing local experts, and channeling their creativity, students crafted captivating books aimed at interesting young minds in third grade. Figures covered included: legendary wrestler and coach Gene Mills, basketball player Jim Tucker, the members of the Syracuse 8, SpongeBob voice actor Tom Kenny, and activist Matilda Jocelyn Gage among many others. Events included disasters such as the 1918 Split Rock Explosion, the 1943 Solvay Wastebed Disaster, the Blizzards of 1966 and 1993, and the Leland Hotel Fire. Some students even decided to explore popular urban legends including the supposed hauntings of the 13 Curves, Landmark Theater and the Wayside Inn.

Drawing inspiration from popular series like I Survived and Who Was ___?/What Was ___?, these projects promised to transport readers back in time for a firsthand experience with history. To confirm that their narratives resonated with their target audience, students took collaboration to the next level by working with 3rd graders at Cherry Road School. In early June, all of the third-grade students listened to the students’ book drafts and gave feedback to the authors. This valuable feedback helped students refine their first draft and ensured their historical journeys would spark young readers’ imaginations. This combination of expert guidance and hands-on experience helped students develop their research, writing, and storytelling skills, ensuring their “History Remix” projects came alive!



Athletics

Spring Accolades for Outdoor Track & Field

The 2024 Girls' Outdoor Track and Field team finished the season strong with an OHSL Title and the Class B-1 Sectional Title. Derricka Trotman (high jump) and Emma Murphy (100m High Hurdles) qualified to participate in their events at the NYS Championship Meet.

The following boys and girls were individual Sectional Champions:

Mary Kate Rewakowski - Pole Vault
Emma Murphy - Long Jump
Jael Hill - Shot Put
Allison Langham, Reagan Talucci,
Derricka Trotman and Emma Murphy- 4x100 Relay
Andrew O'Reilly - 1600m Run



Westhill Earns School of Distinction Honor

NYS PHSA has named Westhill as a recipient of the School of Distinction Award for the 2023-2024 school year. The purpose of the School of Distinction Award is to unite athletic departments in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor. Schools can apply for School of Distinction status by having 100% of their varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award during their respective sports seasons. Congratulations student athletes on your outstanding accomplishments in the classroom this year!

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Saturday, October 5th, 2024

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Westhill Educational Foundation

The Westhill Educational Foundation is pleased to announce our grant recipients from the spring 2024 grant cycle. This spring, grants were awarded to expand learning opportunities for students throughout all four schools and allowed students opportunities to grow their knowledge and skills in areas such as the arts, language and cultural studies, history and STEM related fields. These grants could not be awarded without the continuing support of our community. We are especially grateful this year to receive our largest one-time donation of \$256,887.10 from the Lupine Haven Organization which will allow the Foundation to continue to award impactful and innovative grants for years to come. Congratulations to all of our recipients! Winners for spring 2024 are:

Belgian Student Cultural Exchange, Nancy Amerault

In April the Westhill Community hosted 42 Belgian students from Athenée Royal de Visé, a high school in Visé Belgium, for cultural exchange. In addition to spending time at WHS attending classes and school events, students were able to interact with Westhill students and host families throughout their 3 day visit. This grant helped provide opportunities for students, chaperones, hosts and families to interact outside of school at events including laser tag at APEX and dinner at the Dinosaur BBQ. The exchange provided a unique cultural, educational and personal opportunity for many of our Westhill students and enabled them to learn about each other in a meaningful way.

Solar Eclipse STEM Night, Jessica Regitano

This grant supported the District-wide Solar Eclipse STEM Night, organized by Westhill secondary librarians Penny Feeney and Jessica Regitano and earth science teachers Tracy Derrenbacher and Jean Pounder. The event was designed to provide an educational experience for families in anticipation of the once-in-a-lifetime eclipse. Attendees were able to participate in a variety of astronomy-themed STEM activities catering to different grade levels. Interactive demonstrations, workshops, and presentations were conducted to engage students and their families in learning about solar eclipses and astronomy.

History Through Storytelling, Grace Horning and Allison Pawelczyk

Students from Sarah Starowicz's English 9 honors class wrote this grant as a way to further their understanding on topics studied in class. The grant allowed them to bring Vanessa Johnson, a griot/storyteller in the West African tradition, to meet with English 9 honors classes. Ms. Johnson performed some of her "tells" including her "Jerry Rescue Re-Enactment" and also talked to classes about the process she goes through with her research to transform it into a narrative story performance. After her visit, the classes chose local historical topics to research and created narratives to explain the information to a target audience of third graders in a more interesting way. The project ended with students creating books using BookCreator and visiting third graders at Cherry Road to read their stories as well as providing access to the stories on a digital platform.

Erie Canal Museum, Melissa Prior

This grant allowed all fourth grade students at Cherry Road School the opportunity to extend their learning about the importance of the Erie Canal in New York state history. By visiting the Erie Canal Museum, students were able to enhance and further develop their understanding of the ways in which the Erie Canal helped shape New York's culture and economy.

Butterfly Larva-Investigating Pollinators/life-cycles, Kristie Kisselburgh

Second Grade students at Cherry Road School had the opportunity for hands-on learning during their Plants and Pollinators Module. Through this grant, teachers were able to purchase butterfly larvae for classrooms. This allowed teachers and students an opportunity to discuss the life cycle and how they can be pollinators to help the plant life cycle. Students had fun watching the process of the caterpillar turning into a butterfly.

John Farrell Singalong, Stephanie Merritt

This grant provided funds to bring John Farrell to Walberta Park School to meet with classes and conduct sing-a-longs. Students had the opportunity to learn sign language to accompany their singing and helped to create verses in various songs. Mr. Farrell's song themes promote kindness, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Social and Emotional Learning.

Red Grammer Performance, Patsy Vercillo

Red Grammer is a widely known musician and entertainer of children. His music focuses on character strengths such as kindness, self-esteem, and bucket-filling. This grant provided funding to bring Red Grammer to Walberta Park for a performance for the entire school.

Thursday's Dead Debut Album, Brendan Van Epps

This spring, students at Westhill High School were able to record an album with the WHS Modern Band Studio Music (rock ensemble), Thursday's Dead. This grant allowed students in the Modern Band Studio Music and APEC (audio production/engineering club) the opportunity to record and perform at Subcat Studios in a real recording studio environment. The Studio Music and APEC students gained hands-on experience, guided by professional audio engineers, setting up various aspects of recording including microphones and other audio equipment. These students were also involved in the actual recording process and had the opportunity to produce the album.

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Not Pictured: Donna Lee, Marybeth Cumming, Doug Heath, Ricky woods