

National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day

Westhill Central School District is fortunate to have wonderful School Resource Officers in every building! Our SROs work to make our buildings safe and secure every school day. They go above and beyond to connect with our students. February 15th was School Resource Officer Appreciation Day and we are very thankful to have our dedicated officers: SRO Jeff Tripp at WPS, SRO Rich Lucio at CRS, SRO Bill Croft at OHMS and SRO Joe Sweeny at WHS. Pictured below is SRO Jeff Tripp with Ms. Krzykowski's kindergarten class.



Walberta Park School

Author Julie Berry Visits WPS

In January, Walberta Park School hosted author Julie Berry. In anticipation of her visit, students had read Julie's picture books, *Happy Right Now*, *Cranky Right Now* and *The Night Frolic*. Students enjoyed the stories and loved hearing about how Julie writes the stories and the process of making a picture book. Julie also talked about the different emotions kids feel during the day and ways they can help themselves feel better. Pictured below is Julie during her presentation.



Cherry Road School

Dialogue Club

This fall/winter, third and fourth graders at Cherry Road School had the exciting opportunity to partner with InterFaith Works of CNY (IFW) to implement Elementary Dialogue Club! The program, designed by the El-Hindi Center for Dialogue and Action (CDA) at IFW, empowers students to take individual and group action to reduce interpersonal bias, build empathy and cultural understanding, and create a more inclusive school environment. Dialogue is a tool to help people see the differences between different groups as a strength of communities, rather than a difficult challenge to overcome. This club seeks to create brave spaces where honest conversations about differences can occur and is an important educational and social-emotional growth experience. In the elementary school dialogue club, students were able to learn communication skills, build relationships, and practice the foundations of having conversations on difficult topics, so as to develop these necessary life skills at a young age. During dialogue club sessions, students participated in games and icebreakers, reflected and shared about their personal and social identities, learned about affirming others' identities and cultures, reflected on stereotypes and belonging and came up with ways to have a positive impact in their school or community. As a culminating activity, the students who participated in the club created a video to highlight a new tool called a "Peace Walk" mat to help students throughout the school community begin to dialogue when conflict arises. We are so proud of the children who participated in our first elementary dialogue and look forward to seeing them be leaders of kindness and inclusivity here at Cherry Road!



Cherry Road School

IDEAS CLUB

IDEAS started in 2024 with our annual sock Drive to help Samaritan shelter's guests keep warm during the Winter season. The entire district came together; in addition to collecting socks, we also collected toiletries. At Cherry Road, 4th grade leaders counted 313 pairs of socks and collected enough donations to assemble 100 care bags. The students also spent time making care cards to put inside of the bags for the guests. We also had a discussion about the meaning of poverty and how we should bring awareness to this issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's successful sock drive.

In February, we spent our time learning about Influential Black Americans, while celebrating this culture. The students paired up and shared cool information about the person they learned about. This was a great exercise to learn about more achievements Black Americans are known for. The leaders also researched historical Black Americans with a partner, then played Black History Month bingo with Ms. Hodgens. We also learned about Alma Thomas, who was an influential artist, and George Speck (Crum) an American Chef known for inventing the potato chip.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

5th Grade: Joseph Widrick - Joseph's compassion shines through in every interaction he has. He shows genuine concern for everyone and is always there with a helping hand to support others. Despite the many activities he juggles, he is fully committed to doing his best in school. He is an exceptional student who is always polite, humble, and kind. He is a wonderful role model for students at OHMS!

6th Grade: Isla Baracco - Isla is Student of the Month because of the leadership she consistently shows in IDEAS club and throughout the school. She is friendly, respectful, and helpful to her peers. Isla always tries her best and always chooses to do the right thing. Her positivity is contagious.

7th Grade: Carmella Colangelo - Carmella is very passionate about anything she puts her mind to. She goes above and beyond to make sure that her work is completed to the best of her ability. She is kind, respectful, honest and a pleasure to be around.

8th Grade: Cameron Dowd - Cam is very kind and respectful in class to her classmates and teachers. She always lends a helping hand when a student is struggling. She has a very positive attitude towards her studies, and her smile brightens up the day for everyone around her!

FEBRUARY

5th Grade: Nellie Russo - Nellie is a very positive student and friend. She comes to school each day ready to tackle all tasks. Nellie gives 110 % to her schoolwork and kindness toward others. She is a well-rounded student and a good role model for her peers.

6th Grade: Jayden Platt - Jayden is a true leader in the classroom and school community. He is always doing his best and encourages others to do the same. Jayden is respectful to his teachers and classmates. He always is doing the right thing!

7th Grade: Yusuf Altheblah - Yusuf has stepped it up in the classroom across the board. He is respectful, works hard and shows a lot of integrity.

8th Grade: Adrien Marceau - Adrien is kind, polite, fun, respectful, and works well with others. He strives to do his best in school, communicates well, and is a great role model for younger students.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

FACS STUDENTS LEARN DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS

On Thursday February 8th, School Resource Officer Bill Croft teamed up with Ms. Christina Gullotto for a presentation in Family and Consumer Sciences. Students learned about their digital footprint and the impact of having a positive impression online through their social media presence and decision-making skills. Officer Croft and 7th graders discussed making good choices online and the possible negative consequences associated with risky digital behavior. Students asked thought-provoking questions and engaged in a mature dialogue about their online behavior. Thank you to Mr. Croft for joining us!



CONGRATS TO MS. FEENEY!

CONGRATS to Ms. Feeney on presenting to the New York Library Association!

Ms. Feeney will be presenting to the NYS Library Association on Creating a Culture of Belonging: Transforming Your Library Environment

Description of the Presentation: Step into a journey of exploration as we delve into the fundamental question: Does your library radiate a welcoming and affirming atmosphere?

Join us in this interactive workshop where we dissect the pivotal role the library environment plays in establishing a tone of belonging.

Through engaging discussions and practical insights, we will explore strategies to cultivate an inclusive space that resonates with every library visitor. Discover how the subtle nuances of your library environment can influence the sense of belonging for students, patrons, and community members.

HARMONIZERS PERFORM AT CRS

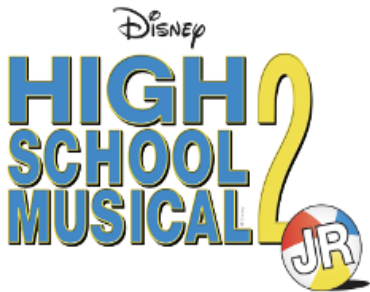
On Wednesday, March 6th Cherry Road 4th graders were visited by Onondaga Hill Middle School Harmonizers (Select Choir). The Harmonizers, and Spiderman, performed for the fourth grade and had an opportunity to share pictures and information about the middle school choral program. CRS students asked wonderful questions and OHMS students look forward to their arrival to the middle school in the fall!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

MUSICAL REHEARSALS IN FULL SWING!

Musical Rehearsal is in full swing at Onondaga Hill Middle School! Cast and Stage Crew from OHMS have been singing, reading, building, painting and dancing the months away since January as they prepare for their upcoming musical in April! You are invited to come enjoy Onondaga Hill Middle School's production of High School Musical 2 Jr., April 5th and 6th at Westhill High School. It's our same fantastic characters from the original High School Musical but this time, they are up to an exciting summer adventure!



IDEAS CLUB

At Onondaga Hill Middle School, the 5th grade leaders collected donations from the district and the total pairs of socks were over 1,000 and IDEAS clubs assembled 480 care packages the Samaritan shelter! Thank you everyone for contributing to this year's sock drive. During poverty awareness month, the students spent time educating themselves about what it actually means to live in poverty and how grateful they are. The amount of empathy that was shown while discussing some of the statistics was very moving. During the month of February, we celebrated Black History. The 5th grade leaders were able to do the morning announcements and share some "Did you know..." facts with the rest of the school. We also researched ancient Egyptian kings and queens from the continent of Africa. The students wrote biographical poems about the person they researched, and that was displayed in the hallway of the school. We had a special visit from Klass Jones, who spoke about people having a head start in life and our choice of words.



OHMS Quarter 2 Honor Roll 2023-2024

Grade 8 High Honor

Almamari, Shahd
Athanas, Andrew
Carruth, John
Centore, Angelina
Chaddock, Evan
Coleman, Reilly
Collacchi, Emma
Columbus, Hannah
DeFabbio, Sophia
Delay, Clare
Dixon, Reagan
Dowd, Cameron
Eldred, Jade
Francisco, Dean
Ganley, Daniel
Gerasimovich, Isabella
Gridley, Dylan
Grosso, Eva
Jaquint, Stone
Ketchum, Hayden
Lin, Cayla
Maestri, David
Marceau, Adrien
Marinelli, Joseph
McMahon, Emmett
Mondo, Melissa
Morse, Shealyn
Mower, Addison
Napolitano, Sabine
Pichoske, Nicholas
Platt, Hayden
Pluff, Katherine
Presley, Alexandra
Rewakowski, Andrew
Savelesky, Sofia
Scott, Khloe
Scozzari, Samuel
Spinner, Kaleigha
Starowicz, Fiona
Straub, Emily
Stroman, Grace
Tjaden, Julia
Tyszka, William
Viscome, Cailin
Zheng, Winnie

Grade 8 Honor

Abraham, Bilal
Auge, Emmerson
Auringer, Schuyler
Belcore, Rosella
Bova, Sophia

Buckman, Skylar
Buell, Sydney
Carroll, Daniel
Cassalia, Patrick
Cognato, Averie
Cordova, Christian
Coy, Andrew
Culligan, Brea
Davidson, Owen
DelRio, Stef'Fonie
Diaz, Naomi
Donegan, Redd
Dunbar, Teagan
Flegel, Julia
Franco, Maxwell
Gaffney, Liam
Gaines, Lyla
Glover, Charles
Glover, Henry
Hamam, Aiham
Hange, Brooke
Ibrahim, Ahmad
Kelly, Quinn
Martin, Scott
Mathews, Leigh
Morales, Willa
Parry, Evangeline
Pizarro Fuentes, Edriel
Powless, Shaniya
Ritz, Leo
Root, Addison
Ross, Caleb
Satalin, David
Scarfino, Stella
Schug, McKenzie
Seitz, Noah
Tarolli, Thomas
Tolbert, Peychenze
Tremblay, Addyson
Wilson, Blake
Ziober, Beckham

Grade 7 High Honor

Anderson, Eliana
Barcak, Natalie
Brown, Juliana
Brown, Miraja
Burns, Madigan
Canavan, Virginia
Carroll, Elliott
Carson, Landon
Cobb, Logan
Colangelo, Carmella

Coleman, Reagan
Collett, Reagan
Cook, Jack
Czaplicki, Kate
DeLine, James
Destito, Amelia
Detor, Bridget
Dimovski, Luka
Durant, Clark
Engle, Isabella
Etoll, Keira
Flegel, Jackson
Gallardo, Sophie
Giannino, Arianna
Green, Dylan
Greenfield, Gavin
Horning, Anne
Jackson, Griffin
Konkol, Khaya
LaSalle, Amelia
Mahoney, Audrey
Morgan, Ella
Olesh, Sofia
Paparo, Morgan
Pluff, Shanley
Pratt, Tyler
Quattrocci, Bryan
Ramos, Cielo
Robinson, Cassius
Rogers, Brian
Scheirer, Gianna
Schermerhorn, Kiley
Schilling, Aedan
Sisack, Brynna
Soule, Charles
Sova, Jeremy
Sprouse, Eamon
Storinge, Harry
Tjaden, Trey
Valenti, Michael
Walsh, Reagan
Walsh, Riley
Zuckerman, Alexander

Grade 7 Honor

Abdelfatah, Sela
Altheblah, Yusuf
Auringer, Giada
Battista, Jacqueline
Campanella, Luke
Canavan, Luna
Casazza, Annabelle
Condon, Madigan

Danboise III, Real
Dhamoon, Gurtej
Ellis, Nicholas
Fowler, Tyler
Fraser, Brady
Friend, Connor
Fuller, Owen
Goodwin, Darcy
Gregory, Na'Zariah
Gumtow, Evey
Hagan, Albert
Headd, Matthew
Hubler, Audrey
Hughes, Elizabeth
Johnson, Owen
Judge, Antonia
LeFever, Alaina
Manning, Kierra
Marshall, Spencer
Mastronardi, Stella
Montalto, Eliana
Obernesser, Charles
Pendergast, Tanner
Preville, Nicholas
Primiano, Adelina
Rashid, Tefferro
Reynolds, Abigail
Scanlon, Michael
Sierotnik, Lillian
Thabet, Alyaa
West, William
White, Layla
Young, Elizabeth

Grade 6 High Honor

Aiduk, Mya
Aladwar, Malik
Allen, Daniel
Almamari, Ahd
Alsofari, Ahmed
Amidon, Alexander
Auge, Cooper
Bagnell, Clive
Baracco, Isla
Block, Grace
Brooks, Judah
Campbell, Miehara
Carlyle, Kathryn
Carroll, Kathryn
Carruth, William
Carruthers, Jasper
Cass, Joseph
Cenajko, Elliot

OHMS Quarter 2 Honor Roll 2023-2024

Grade 6 High Honor Cont.

Chang, Samantha
Clark, Avery
Clyne, Landon
Collins, Joseph
Connelly, Griffin
Connelly, Quinn
Couse, Vincent
DAgostino, Hailey
Dixon, Maura
Donegan, Ella
Eischen, Jane
Esposito, Jocelyn
Francisco, Juliana
Freund, Ethan
Gridley, Luke
Grome, Macie
Henderson, Aiden
Hennigan, Evelyn
Holowinski, Lucas
Ibrahim, Janelle
Ireland, Madilyn
Jaquint, Atticus
Kalinowski, Elliott
Kelly, Quest
Killoran, Kellan
Kimball, Michael
Kinney, Caroline
Klamm, Dilynn
Konkol, Tobi
LaRosa, Olivia

Loucks, Gabriel
Maguire, Kendall
Mamorella, Isabel
Marceau, Oliver
Mathews, Max
Morse, Malachy
Mosleh, Maysa
Nugent, Jackson
ONeil, Molly
Padula, Ana
Parr, Kendall
Pautz, Peyton
Pillari, Patrick
Platt, Jayden
Presley, Clare
Pucello, Ella
Redmond, Julia
Richardson, Jillian
Romano, Jack
Root, Seamus
Satalin, Gehrig
Satalin, Kathleen
Savelesky, Aurora
Scozzari, Alexandra
Seitz, Eden
Seymour, Lyla
Sisson, Charles
Stash, Ella
Streiff, Chiara
Thabet, Jenna
Thomas, Zahle

Tyszka, Benjamin
Weinsztok, Noah
Wells, Karah
Whipple, Mason
Woodring, Emma
Worden, Nora
Zheng, Suri

Grade 6 Honor

Abedrabbah, Muhammad
Agle, Logan
Armani, Joviana
Bailey, Zirah
Burns, Charles
Cassidy IV, Charles
Connell, Taylor
Crawford, Trenton
Fogarty, Connor
Gehm, Julia
Goodwin, Kelly
Grobosky, Rowen
Herne, Charles
Hicks, Blin
Hill, Javel
Holt, Shiloh
Hope, Lilly
Huggins, Jahsai
Jackson, Colin
Jackson, Owen
Kearney-Tiano, Lilianna
Kelly, Khloie

Kimball, Julia
Kincaid, Megan
King, Xander
Kline, Tatum
LaFramboise, Naomi
Maestri, Emilia
Maldonado-Royer, Madeline
McNeilly, Harrison
Montague, Benjamin
Nicholson, Shaniy
O'Brien, Helena
Omar, Asha
OSullivan, Hannah
Past, Lily
Pearson Jr., Drew
Pickett, Jack
Pope, Deja
Post, Jay'Don
Primiano, Alana
Rotella, Lyla
Scanlon, Henry
Singletary, JaLani
Sow, Ahmad
Stokes, Lucas
Sullivan, Charlotte
Viavattine, Francesca
Walts, Belle
Wells, Ava
Williams, Isabella
Wilmot, Lily

Westhill High School

Westhill Students Score First Place at Micron Robotics Competition

On Saturday January 27th two of our students, Nick Scheel and Zane Eldred, participated in the Micron Robotics competition at the MOST. Nick and Zane designed and prototyped a microcontroller controlled medicine dispensing machine. Nick and Zane's project scored a first place finish by judges who are engineers in the field.



WHS Quarter 2 Honor Roll 2023-2024

Grade 12

Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget
Altheblah, Ayesha
Altheblah, Hasan
Amorese, Vincent
Anderson, Myles
Andrella, Kyle
Battista, Megan
Borne, Gavin
Burdick, Bryce
Caloia, Cade
Campanella, Jack
Campbell, Ryan
Carfagno, Sophia
Carroll, Alden
Carson, Kendall
Chandler, Willow
Chester, Taden
Cognato, Nina
Cottrell, Catherine
Craven, Cecylia
Craven, Ryley
Curley, Logan
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
Kleberg IV, David
Kleberg, Elena
Knohl, Caitlyn
Knohl, Connor
Knoll, Caroline
Kohanski, Morgan
Korrie, Alexa

Lancette, Alison
Langdon, Kameron
Lasher, Ava
Leonardo, Isabel
Lopez, Cameron
MacLachlan, Nathan
Madigan III, Michael
Mahoney, Rosemary
Martin, Nathan
McClave, Miley
McGlynn, Grace
McPeak, Benjamin
McPeak, Elizabeth
Medeiros, Steven
Mueller, Elizabeth
Nagraj, Luciana
O'Reilly, Andrew
Paetow, Emma
Pens, Grady
Petrona, Sophia
Pettiford, Ni'Jhay
Phillips, Marissa
Pickett, Luke
Plochocki, Alexander
Rewakowski, MaryKate
Rhode, Tiara
Rinaldi, Emily
Robbins, Regan
Rogers, Kathleen
Saini, Danish
Sainsbury, Katelyn
Saya-Pucello, Adriana
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan
Shanahan, Maggie
Sheridan, Patrick
Sherwood, Ryan
Shewchuk, Lucas
Simmons, Alexandria
Small, Chloe
Smithers, Samuel
Smyth, Shay
Sparks, Julia
Spasevski, Gianna
Spencer, Logan
Stanton, Jane
Stiner, William
Stiner, Zero
Suddaby, Jackson
Talucci, Reagan Anne
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna
Thomas, A'my

Thompson, Molly
Thornton, Ellie
Tjaden, Hannah
Van Epps, Jack
Walsh, Maggie
Wilsch, Emma
Young, Isabel
Zawadzki, Dominic
Zema, Rose

Grade 11

Abdelfatah, Amana
Abedrabbah, Razan
Abraham, Sarah
Adams, Alexandra
Agle, Lucas
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille
Andrella, Dylan
Antoine, Ava
Balduzzi, Emily
Baty, Ava
Bender, Alice
Bergett, Grace
Bova, Michael
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Campbell, Miracle
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony
Cecile, Annabella
Ciaramella, Francesca
Colangelo, Anabelle
Cole, Chloe Renee
Cowin, Timothy
Cusimano, Rocco
DeLine, William
DeMore, Timothy
Detor, Claire
Donegan, Sophia
Dorfman, Molly
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen
Fitzgerald, Nora
Geiger, Angelyna
Glover, Michael
Goldman, Adyson
Goral, Kaylee
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma
Gregory, Chyla
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
LaReau, Abigail
Loveless, Lillian
MacBain, Sydney
Mathews, Camryn
McClloat, Abrianna
McGann, Julie
Medeiros, Sydney
Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
O'Hern, Keller
Pease, Jack
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Pirong, Joseph
Popp, Edward
Ramsing, Cadence
Rienhardt, Emily
Roesch, Elizabeth
Rose, Conor James
Rosenberger, Kara
Rouse, Owen
Sampo, Anthony
Sauer, Tripp
Scheel, Nicholas
Sheridan, Riley
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Siple, Helena
Sisack, Emlyn
Stanton, Laura
Starowicz, Avery
Sullivan, Grace
Swierk, Ryan
Tarolli, Evangelina
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Thabet, Sabri
Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
Valenti, Sophia Ann

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Grade 10

Amidon, Aiden
Amorese, Gabriel
Anderson, Elizabeth
Bruzdinski III, John
Buell, Addison
Burke, Kiley
Campanella, Tyler
Carruthers, Adelynn
Clark, Riley
Cognato, John
Colon, Aaliyah
Cordova, Vincent
Cowin, Maxwell
Curtis, Fenris
Czaplicki, Benjamin
D'Agostino, Elizabeth
DeJesus, Josselyn
Downs, Blake
Eckert, Anna
Faigle, Grace
Franco, Mason
Ganley, Caroline
Gilhooley, Brendan
Goode, Delaney
Goode, Hadley
Goodness, Jackson
Goodwin, Zachary
Gorman, Grace
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
McKeon, Hunter
Militi, Eva
Mondo, Andrew
Mullen, Eileen
Napolitano, Stella
Olesh, Anita
Ortiz, Leila
Parry, Eleanor
Pens, Kellen
Perry, Alexa
Petrone, Calvin
Pickett, Ella
Pope, Sienna
Poston, Aryanna
Prince, Elias
Ramos, Carlos
Reilley, Olivia
Richardson, Carter
Roach, Meara
Rudiger, Abigail
Ryan, Molly
Sadowski, Andrew
Sainsbury, Claire
Sainsbury, Ryan
Satalin, Erin
Scarfino, Dominic
Schmitz, Lily
Shephard, Madicine
Shepherd, Ellis
Sierotnik, Christopher Jr.
Sisson, Kevin
Snyder, Amie
Snyder, Meghan
Snyder, Samantha
Somers, Adelynn
Soule, Madelyn
Sparks, Olivia
Speer, Trinity
Stotler, Adam
Stroman, Peter
Talucci, Gage
Thompson, William
Turner, Braelyn
Tyszka, Alexander
Valerino, Angelina
Vaughan, Margaret

Wallace, Caleb
Ward, Alexis
Wilbur, Jena
Wilson, Carter
Winkler, Avery
Wright, Reagan
Young, Katherine

Grade 9

Abdallah, Sadeen
Alberts, Adeline
Allen, Brooke
Allen, Max
Altheblah, Brahim
Bagnell, Tatum
Bruzdinski, Lottie
Cardoso, Nicolas
Choe, Austin
Clarry, Bryson
Colangelo, Samantha
Columbus, Kailyn
Conley, Colleen
Conroy, Mackenzie
Crawford, Lane
D'Agostino, Claire
DeLine, Lucas
DeMore, Lucy
Destito, Isabella
DeTomaso, Giana
Domick, Isabella
Ellis, Christine
Enright, Aaliyah
Finnerty, Ryan
Gallardo, Isabella
Garcia, Jamil
Gehm, Tyler
Gray, Owen
Headd, John-Paul
Henesey, Matthew
Herne, Louis
Hodkinson, Anna
Horning, Grace
Ide, Caitlin
Isimbi, Rabia
Jackson, Jake
Judge, Charles
Kelly, Claire

Kelly, Teagan
Kimball, Samantha
Kinney, Mary
Kodoe, Andrea-Ann
Krenrich, Kaitlin
Lasher, Sophia
MacLachlan, Thomas
Maher, Anthony
McGann, Sean
McGee, Felicity
McNeilly, Hazel
McRae, Ayanah
Montalto, Adelina
Moore, James
Mulligan, Ava
Murphy, Kaylin
Murphy, Lucy
Nagraj, Mariana
Pawelczyk, Allison
Pease, Logan
Piel, Alexander
Primiano, Eulalia
Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne
Rogers, Reagan
Rouse, Brielle
Ruski, Serenity
Ryan, Elliette
Sauer, Parker
Scanlon, Charles
Shephard, Mathew
Sobotka, Mariusz
Soule, Eva
Spasevski, Ivana
Taylor, Addison
Thabet, Dhuha
Thabet, Edhem
Thompkins, Amora
Vashchishin, Samuel
Walker, Eli
West, Emma
Wilmot, Owen
Young, Daniel
Young, Trevor
Zuckerman, Zoe

Westhill High School

Westhill High School Student Competes in the Regional Shakespeare Competition

Claire Kelly joined other contestants from around the county for the Syracuse Branch competition March 9th at the Syracuse Stage where each student performed a monologue and sonnet before a panel of distinguished judges as well as their fellow contestants. Claire performed a monologue from Tragedy of Macbeth and recited Sonnet 7. Claire had a wonderful experience and hopes to return to the competition next year.

Claire, a 9th grade student, achieved first place at the English-Speaking Union High School Shakespeare Competition on January 23rd. Digital for the last three years because of COVID, the competition returned to in-person and produced second place winner Samantha Colangelo and third place winner Alexander Piel, and fourth place winner, Annabelle Colangelo. Each student performed a Shakespearean monologue of their choice. Competitors were judged on their understanding of their selected texts and on their ability to communicate their interpretation to the audience. Judges for the high school competition included Ms. Moira Kelly, Ms. Jessica Regitano, and Mr. Hector Laureano.

The English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition is a performance-based education program in which high school students nationwide read, analyze, perform, and recite Shakespeare's works. Through the program, students develop communication skills and an appreciation of the power of language and literature. In the Competition's three progressive levels, students perform in their own schools, at ESU Branch community competitions, and at the National Shakespeare Competition in New York City. Since 1983, more than 400,000 young Americans of all backgrounds have taken advantage of this opportunity to bring the timeless works of Shakespeare to life and learn to express his words with understanding, feeling, and clarity. For additional information regarding the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, advisor or please visit www.shakespearecompetition.org.



PRIDE Club Enjoys the Lights



Several WHS Pride Club members, allies, Mrs. Bower (Pride Club Advisor), and Ms. Snell (WHS Assistant Principal) joined the LGBTQ Syracuse group at the Holiday Nights at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo on Friday December 8th for a fun-filled magical evening.

Students enjoyed seeing ice carving displays, beautiful lights, various atmospheric entertainment, making s'mores, visiting Santa, and of course seeing the animals that were still awake!

Lasting memories were made by all!

Westhill High School

January Warriors of the Month

9th Grade: Hazel McNeilly

Hazel comes to class every day with a smile and a positive attitude. She is diligent with her time in class, participates often, and always comes to class prepared; but, specifically, Hazel goes above and beyond to make others in class feel welcome. When playing interactive games in class she makes her teammates laugh and feel appreciated especially when English is not their first language. Keep up the positivity Hazel!

10th Grade: William Thompson

When in class, William is constantly showing his curiosity in the subject being discussed by looking further into the topics being covered and asking in-depth questions. He contributes on a daily basis in class by volunteering answers and assisting his classmates. He is a kind student and collaborates well with others, which helps make the class a positive environment for all.

11th Grade: Sydney MacBain

Sydney is an incredibly hard-working student who always gives her best effort. She is constantly looking for ways to improve and does not settle for good enough. She is diligent in her preparation for class and is not afraid to share her ideas with the group. She is passionate about her studies and seems to have a love of learning. On top of this, Sydney is a kind and caring person. She is polite and respectful to everyone she encounters. It is truly a pleasure to teach someone like Sydney.

12th Grade: Ryan Campbell

Ryan is an intelligent student who always gives his best effort in the classroom. He is willing to help others and is a leader to his peers. While Ryan is a high-level achiever academically, he is an even better person. He is a well-rounded individual who seems to truly care about those around him. He is humble and has a desire to improve who he is as a person. Ryan treats everyone with kindness and compassion. He makes Westhill proud and will continue to do so as a future alumnus.



February Warriors of the Month

9th Grade: Harjot (Harry) Singh

Harry comes to class daily with a positive attitude everyday and is diligent in getting assignments done. He works hard to get the very most out of every class and productively helps team members during group activities. He makes sure to say goodbye to his teachers daily and is one of the most polite students around! Keep up the great work Harry!

10th Grade: Kamari Lewis

Kamari exudes warmth as he enters the classroom, his infectious smile brightening the room. Without hesitation, he extends his support to students in need, demonstrating kindness, empathy, and a remarkable level of consideration. His collaborative spirit enhances the classroom dynamic, making him a valued team player. Way to go Kamari!

11th Grade: Georgia Hange

Georgia is an excellent student who excels in a variety of areas in the classroom. She works well with a variety of students and is not afraid to share her ideas with the class. She seems to have a strong understanding of what is taught in class and can apply it to other key principles. On top of that, Georgia always seems to have a positive outlook on life. She does not let what is occurring around her change who she is. She is a pleasure to have in class and is a resource to the other students in her class.

12th Grade: Hannah Goodness

Nominated by Mrs. Hatt and Mrs. Weinszok

Hannah comes to class with a positive attitude and is always ready to participate. She shows interest in the class content, and when the content is difficult, she perseveres and asks questions. Hannah works well with her peers and does a great job of explaining her thinking to them. She is never afraid to engage in lively debates about statistics and is a valuable part of our community. Hannah is a leader in the classroom and on the sports field. She knows how to have fun, but is able to stay on task. She always gives 100% in the classroom and encourages classmates to rise to the challenge of doing their very best as well. Hannah is also a fantastic Westhill Buddy to her Kindergarten friend, Masadi. Every other Friday Hannah drives to Walberta Park, to spend time with Masadi...playing games, building things and being a positive role model in his life. Keep up the great work, Hannah!



Westhill High School

DECA Competes in State Competition

Westhill DECA brought 65 students on December 19, 2023 to Le Moyne College for the DECA Regional Competition. We had 17 students (John Bruzdinski, Ben Czaplicki, Charlie DeMore, Owen Etoll, Caroline Ganley, Gracelyn Gray, Eric Holstein, Alexa Korrie, Julie McGann, Sophia Petrone, Eli Prince, Olivia Rodriguez, Molly Ryan, Riley Sheridan, Laney Sipley, Jack VanEpps, and Dominic Zawadzki) qualify for the State competition which will be held in Rochester on March 6, 7, & 8, 2024. Along with these 17, we will be bringing 10 other seniors that will be doing projects to compete as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for each student to gain real life experience in the business world.



DECA Travels to New York City

Westhill DECA had their annual club trip to New York City. The club brought 50 students on November 17, 2023 and toured Madison Square Garden and learned about all of the history there. They also visited the offices of DirectTV to learn more about the business world. Westhill Alum, Brian Cordes ('00), gave the students a presentation about his job as the Head of Client Partnerships for DirecTV. The students had the opportunity to walk around and see Rockefeller Center filled with lights as the city got ready for the holidays.



Math Team

Westhill High School's Math Team had a fantastic 2023-2024 season. Mrs. Hatt and Mrs. Warne coached a team of dedicated members that led our team to second place for Onondaga County small schools! The top 25 individual scorers in the county are chosen to represent Onondaga County in the NY state competition, and we are proud to announce that Cade Caloia and Sike Ajagbe will be heading to the competition in Owego in April. Congratulations, mathletes!



Westhill High School

WESTHILL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

Congratulations to the Westhill Academic Decathlon Team who earned second place and 19 medals at the state competition. Westhill competed against Cazenovia, Jamesville-Dewitt and West Genessee, with West Genessee taking first place this year. Students took tests in ten different subject areas and the team starters also competed in an additional speech competition, which included both rehearsed and impromptu speeches. Congratulations to the entire team for all of their hard work this year!

Team members pictured with the trophy:

Front row: Grace Horning, Allie Pawelczyk, Austin Choe, Trinity Speer

Middle row: Liz Mueller, Julie McGann, Caitlin Ide, Ari Hemingway

Third row: Lizzy McPeak, Bella Johnson, Izzy Leonardo, Laney Siple, Morgan Heise, Sike Ajagbe

Last row: Matt Shephard, Andrea-Ann Kodoe,

Team members not pictured: Aiden Amidon, Ava Antoine, Grace Bergett, Johnnie Bruzdinski, Samantha Colangelo, Brody Clayton, Rachel Evans, Nora Fitzgerald, Sophia Hoffman, Aubrey Holowinski, Tommy Hunt, Anna Jackson, Kaitlin Krenrich, Christian Loomis, Collin Lopez, Eli Prince, Kathleen Rogers, Reagan Rogers, Olivia Rodriguez, Kara Rosenberger, Riley Sheridan, Avery Starowicz, and Zoe Zuckerman.



DECA TRAVELS TO STATES IN ROCHESTER

Westhill DECA traveled to Rochester in the state competition on March 6-8. We had 24 students compete in the competition. All of the students did an amazing job! Here are the students who received a medal: Charlie DeMore, Gracelyn Gray, Alexa Korrie. Sophia Petrone got 5th place overall in her category and qualified for the National competition in Anaheim, CA! Congratulations to all 24 students! We are very proud of all of them!



Athletics

Winter Season Summary

The Westhill athletic teams continued the Warrior storied tradition of athletic excellence for 2023-2024 winter sports season. Westhill's winter sports teams consistently demonstrated prowess, determination, and sportsmanship earning recognition both locally and regionally. This winter the Warriors earned one Onondaga High School League (OHSL) title and three Section III Championships.

The Westhill boys' basketball team has long been a force to be reckoned with on the court. This year under the guidance of first year varsity head coach, Jon Connelly, the boys earned an OHSL league title and a Section III "Class A" Championship for the basketball program. The boys completed their season as the "Class A" Regional Finalist losing a hard fought battle to the Black Bears of Glens Falls High School.

Through rigorous training and unwavering commitment, both the boys' and girls' indoor track and field teams were named Section III "Class B1" Champions. The boys' team won their third consecutive sectional title while the girls earned their sixth consecutive sectional championship. Although the teams were honored as champions there were many individuals also earning Sectional Champion honors. The following were individual Section III Champions:

Isabel Leonard - First place in the 600m run, high jump and triple jump

Emma Murphy - First 55m hurdles

Mary Kate Rewakowski - First place in the pole vault

Jael Hill - First place in the shot put

Andrew O'Reilly - First place in the 3200m run, 4x800 relay

Owen Mulholland - First place in the 600m run, qualified for NYS Championship Meet

Edward Popp - First place 4x800 relay

Bryce Burdick - First place 4x800 relay

Alex Dacko - First place 4x800 relay

With each victory and accomplishment, the Warriors demonstrated that true success is not merely measured in wins and losses but in character, resilience and camaraderie. The support of parents, faculty and community further fuels the pride within the Westhill athletic program. Congratulations to all of our winter student athletes!



Athletics

Winter Season Summary

Langdon Scores One Thousand Points

On January 25th, senior Kameron Langdon scored his one-thousandth career point against Syracuse Institute of Technology. Kam is the 10th male basketball player at Westhill to reach this outstanding mark in his basketball career.

Congratulations Kameron!



Langdon Named Athlete of the Week

Kameron Langdon has been named a News Channel 9 Student Athlete of the Week for his outstanding accomplishments with the Warrior basketball program. Kam has been a tremendous contributor to the Westhill Varsity basketball team for three years. His hardwork and dedication to his sport and his teammates make him an outstanding choice for this award.



First-ever modified boys' volleyball team finishes their season with a winning record

Making history and turning heads, the first-ever Westhill modified boys volleyball team finished their inaugural season with a respectable 6-5 record. Led by the dynamic duo of Luka Dimovski and Alex Zuckerman, the young athletes paved the way for future generations of boys volleyball players in the program. Their dedication and perseverance throughout the season set a positive example, proving that hard work and passion can lead to success both on and off the court.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR SECTION III CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP!

District News



The Westhill Educational Foundation 3rd Annual Mulch Fundraiser!



Becks Midnite Black



Becks Ginger Brown



Becks Hardwood Mulch

High Quality Mulch – HUGE 30 Pound Bags - Covers 2 Cubic Feet!

- Order & Payment Deadline:** May 1st
- Pick up Location:** St. Ann's School - 4471 Onondaga Blvd, Syracuse, NY 13219
- Delivery/Pickup Dates:** Friday, May 17, 2024 (4pm – 7pm)
- Pricing:** \$7.00/Bag (minimum purchase of 4)
- Optional Delivery Fee*:** Up to 20 bags for \$10.00 **OR** 21+ bags for \$20.00
***Delivery is only available for:** Fairmount, Onondaga Hill, Solvay, Split Rock, Taunton, Westvale, & Winkworth

Payment Methods: **Check** (Payable to Westhill Educational Foundation)
 Please fill out form below or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/WesthillFoundationMulchForm>

Square Secure Credit Card Payment - Scan QR Code →
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<https://westhillfoundation.com/>

Order Form for Check Payments – High Quality Mulch \$7 each (min of 4 bags)

Mailing Address: Westhill Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 15073, Syracuse, NY 13215

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Type of Mulch: Black Brown Natural **Number of Bags:** _____

Delivery*(\$10 for up to 20 bags or \$20 for 21+ bags): Yes No

***Delivery is only available for Fairmount, Onondaga Hill, Solvay, Split Rock, Taunton, Westvale, & Winkworth**

Driveway Delivery Location: On side of driveway Adjacent to your driveway

Total Due (Please include delivery fee, if applicable): _____

District News

DONATION TO WESTHILL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Westhill Educational Foundation extends a heartfelt thank you to the Lupine Haven organization for their generous donation of \$256,887.10. The funds from this donation are to be used to enhance student learning and to fund the Barduhn Family Scholarship and the Kathleen Tompkins Scholarship.

Lupine Haven is a non-profit organization created by Susan Pluff. Susan was born in Oswego, NY to Maureen and Bill Pluff. She was an elementary school teacher who taught for many years in Ohio and Arizona. In 1999 she created a charter school in Arizona called Accelerated Learning. She also created a non-profit organization, Lupine Haven, that was established to run the charter school.

In 2010 Susan traveled to Ethiopia to adopt a baby girl named Katherine and in 2012 she traveled back to bring home her second daughter, Shanley.

In 2020 Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought hard, went through treatments and was healthy. In October of 2022 Susan was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer. Susan fought very hard but lost her battle on February 28, 2023.

After her passing, Susan's daughters moved to Syracuse to live with the McPeak family and are now 7th and 8th graders at OHMS. With many ties to the Westhill Central School District, including family members that have graduated or are attending Westhill, or currently teaching at OHMS, the board of Lupine Haven chose to donate the remaining funds from the non-profit to the Westhill Educational Foundation. This donation is made in memory and in honor of Katherine and Shanley's mother, Maureen and Bill's daughter, and beloved niece and cousin, Susan Pluff.

This gift is the largest one-time gift ever made to the Westhill Educational Foundation and will greatly impact the educational experiences of children in the Westhill district for years to come.



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2024-2025 BUDGET INFORMATION

Absentee Ballot applications available in the District Office

April 17, 2024Tentative date for 2024-2025 budget adoption

April 22, 2024Board of Education candidate petitions due in the District Office

May 7, 2024Public Budget Hearing in the WHS Library at 7:00 pm

May 7, 2024Deadline to **request** an Absentee Ballot Application be sent by **mail**

May 21, 2024Deadline to return completed **Absentee Ballot Application**
by 5:00 pm

May 21, 2024Budget Vote/Board of Education Election in WHS Auditorium Foyer
from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm

**As stipulated by NYS Law, the following qualifications MUST be met,
without exception, in order to cast a vote:**

1. You **MUST** be a citizen of the United States.
 2. You **MUST** be at least 18 years of age.
 3. You **MUST** be a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 21, 2024.
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