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P.S. I Love You Day

On February 8, the State of New York celebrated “P.S. I Love You Day”. This was the 4th year in a row that OHMS celebrated it. Students and staff were asked to wear purple to show their peers that no matter what group we hang out with or what our interests may be, we are all here for one another and there is always a support network here for us. Led by Ms. Castracane’s and Ms. Tooley’s 6th grade ELA classes, students partook in a Project Based Learning opportunity where they investigated the devastating effects bullying can have on a person, and worked together to promote mental health awareness while showing how much a simple act of kindness can impact somebody’s day.



A celebration fair was held where all the students’ hard work was displayed and all 6th grade classes were asked to share in their knowledge. The activities included making your own stress ball, getting photos with peers, signing an anti-bullying petition, participating in a “pick a duck” trivia game and choosing a Random Act of Kindness challenge card to continue to spread the love. Not only did students walk away with plenty of purple souvenirs, but a message that will last them a lifetime.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS UPDATE

To date, Westhill has utilized five (5) emergency closing days, which depletes the bank of emergency days built into the 2018-19 school calendar.

In the event the Westhill schools are closed one (1) more day between now and May 23, 2019, school will be in session on Friday, May 24, 2019.

If additional days are required, updates regarding any potential impact on the scheduled April break will follow.

Walberta Park School

Lunar New Year

Mrs. Merritt's kindergarten class learned about Lunar New Year. They participated in a dragon dance, made Chinese lanterns, koi, tang ram pictures and Chinese characters. Gung Hay Fat Choy!



Fitness Fridays: Gymnastics Fun

The Site-Based Team at Walberta Park is pleased to have West Side Gymnastics School return to provide classes before school to our students. The children are enjoying using a springboard, learning tumbling, flips, cartwheels and handstands. What a great way to learn new skills and start the day in a healthy way!



K Students Learn About Penguins

To kick-off our penguin science unit, kindergarten classes visited the zoo in early December. The children learned about the types of penguins, penguin habitat, body parts, life cycle and how they find and eat food.



STEAM Activities

In December, WPS library hosted Onondaga Free Library children's librarian, Maggie Gall-Maynard. Known as Mrs. Maggie by students and patrons of OFL, the vibrant librarian shared several science, art and technology related activities during the student's computer classes. Excited students worked in groups to build and solve mazes, code miniature bots and draw using a computer. Mrs. Maggie also shared that there would be several fun upcoming events at OFL. Check out their schedule of events at: <https://oflibrary.org>.



Walberta Park & Cherry Road Schools

Illustrator Visits WPS and CRS

In January, local illustrator, London Ladd, visited students at Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools. Mr. Ladd has illustrated several picture books and biographies. He shared examples of his work as well as stories from his childhood. His inspiring presentation left students with the message, that with hard work and determination, we can achieve great things! This visit was funded through the Westhill Educational Foundation as part of the district wide diversity grant and organized by librarians, Aneisa Linton and Karin Backus.



CRS Shows Kindness

Working on the character strength of kindness, CRS students brought toiletries to school to donate to the Samaritan Center. Over 20 boxes of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and more were collected and presented to the center at our annual holiday sing-a-long assembly on December 21. A representative from the center told students how their donations would benefit others and shared the mission of their work. Our hearts were filled knowing we helped others!



Potsdam Pitches Visit CRS

Students at Cherry Road School enjoyed a performance by college a cappella group, The Potsdam Pitches. Fourth grade choir students also took part in a masterclass and performed the final song of the assembly with the group. This was made possible by a Westhill Educational Foundation grant submitted by music teacher, Sarah Colaluca.



Cherry Road & Onondaga Hill Middle Schools

Wildlife Corridors

Third graders at Cherry Road School have been learning about what happens to animals when their habitat changes. For several weeks, the students have been scientists gathering information in various ways (games, camera traps, fossils, reading). As a final project, the students had to use the Engineering Design Process and collaborate in groups to plan a way to help salamanders get safely to a pool of water to lay their eggs. A busy road stood in the way. Groups had to work within a budget, follow certain criteria and use only available materials. Each group of children created a model of a wildlife corridor, in this case a tunnel under the road, which they felt would allow the salamanders to get to the pool safely. Pictured are Max, Charlie and Rider proudly displaying their model.



Sharing

Second grade students from Mrs. Geiss', Mrs. Lootens' and Mrs. Kisselburgh's second grade classes wrote and shared books about schools in different parts of the world. They learned about boat schools in Bangladesh, doorstep schools in India and tent schools in Haiti. The students not only shared information with each other, they had a chance to admire the work of others.



Candy Cane Grams

Student Council raised over \$200 to donate to the Make-a-Wish Foundation by selling candy cane grams. Members, Karly Dillabough, Addie Lowery and Ella BenYehuda are pictured delivering candy canes with holiday messages to OHMS Students.



Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2018-2019 of the school buildings, concession stand, and bus garage of the Westhill Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the district office located at Walberta Park Elementary School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse, NY 13219 for inspection by all interested persons.

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

November

5th Grade: Eli Prince is a hard working and conscientious student. He contributes to class discussions in a positive way. He works well with others and is enthusiastic about school.

6th Grade: Avery Starowicz demonstrates kindness toward all her classmates and teachers. She has a strong work ethic that makes her successful in friendships, schoolwork and extracurricular activities. Avery is trustworthy and friendly to all her classmates, making her a true leader.

7th Grade: Nathan MacLachlan is kind and caring to his peers. He is diligent in class and respectful to his teachers and classmates.

8th Grade: Gisele Abdelfatah is always offering assistance and being helpful, resourceful and reliable!



December

5th Grade: Dominic Scarfino is a role model student. He is enthusiastic, motivated and works hard. He is kind, gets along well with others and always tries his best.

6th Grade: Zane Eldred is a hard worker and a friend to everyone. He exemplifies many P2 traits: teamwork, creativity and humility. Zane is often thinking outside of the box to solve math problems and is a team player while conducting science experiments. He perseveres through life's challenges and is a role model for all.

7th Grade: Sofia Dimovski is a hard working student who is a self-starter in the classroom. She is kind and caring to others and is consistently demonstrating the P2 character strengths.

8th Grade: Alex Cowin works very hard and is considerate of his peers. When a peer does not have a partner for class/lab work, Alex does not hesitate to offer assistance. Keeping with our P2 themes, he is a great example of the other people matter mindset.



National Short Story Day

Did you know that there is a National Short Story Day? It just happens to fall on the shortest day of the year. The students at OHMS celebrated this occasion by exploring the genre of short stories, and used it to create some of their own. There were stations for steps in writing a short story. Of course, you can't have a short story celebration without hot chocolate and marshmallows. Each student left with a colorful pen to inspire them to keep writing. It was such a popular event, we look forward to celebrating it again next year!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

We Rise Above the Streets

What are human rights and how do real people and fictional characters respond when those rights are threatened? Students in Mrs. Bove's 5th grade class investigated this question in the first module of the newly adopted English-Arts Curriculum (EL 2017). Mrs. Bove's students developed their ability to read and understand complex text as they considered this question. Woven into this study are habits of character that correlate with the Positivity Project - how can students work to contribute to a better world? To answer this question and as part of a project based learning experience, Mrs. Bove's students welcomed Alamin Muhammad from We Rise Above the Streets Recovery Outreach into their classroom. Mr. Muhammad shared information about his organization, and the work they do to assist the homeless, handing out brown bag lunches on what is called, Sandwich Saturdays. Mrs. Bove's students were inspired by Mr. Muhammad's work and saw this as their opportunity to contribute to a better world in our own community of Syracuse, NY. The students got to work and even involved the entire school in this project by collecting everything needed to make almost a hundred sandwiches that were delivered to Mr. Muhammad for distribution on "Sandwich Saturday". Students from Mrs. Bove's class were invited to present their learning and project to the Westhill Board of Education at a recent meeting.



Game Makers

Exciting things are happening at the OHMS Maker Club! On January 30 and February 6, the students were visited by Jason Engle from Play the Game Read the Story located in Destiny USA. He brought in a variety of games for the students to play and experiment with. We're not talking about Candyland or Monopoly, many of the games require high-level thinking and problem solving skills. One of the games even had a hexbug. Jason also shared his knowledge with the students about what makes a great game. In the coming weeks, students will use his advice and this gaming experience to create their own games. We can't wait to see what ideas the students develop. Stay tuned for more information on an epic game playing event where you can experience these student created games for yourself.



Robotics Team Ties for First

Congratulations to the OHMS VEX Robotics team as they have competed in two regional competitions so far this year. Their first competition was at the MOST here in Syracuse and resulted in a first place finish. Just recently, the team traveled for a competition at SUNY Oswego. Although the team did not take first at Oswego, it was a very successful competition. Both competitions were not only great learning experiences for the team but their first place finish qualifies them to compete at the New York State Championship held in March. Team members include Jane Angel, Kaelin Feliu, Kosta Georgiadis, Elizabeth Gluz and Alexandra LoCurto. Congratulations to all the team members, and thank you to Mr. Crowell and Mr. Maniccia for organizing and volunteering their time!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

OHMS Geography Bee

February 2019 marks the start of the Alpine World Ski Championships. This competition will be held in which country that is the most populous in Scandinavia? The answer is Sweden, and was correctly answered by Sean Rogers, who was declared the OHMS school champion of the 2019 National Geographic Geography Bee. Seventeen students competed in the school final double-elimination contest. Sean Rogers and Aidan Ryan, the last 2 students standing, competed in the championship round. Sean will now complete a written test to qualify for the State competition in Albany. Prior to the finals, a school-wide assessment was given, with the following students (along with Sean and Aidan) scoring the highest for the right to compete. They were Mackenzie Caccamo, Cade Caloia, Bodie Centore, Alexander Dacko, Emily Dalton, Luke Gilmartin, Lee Hynes, David Kleberg, Lizzy McPeak, Sam Militello, Justin Nowicki, Caitlin Sisson, Alex Tyszka, Zach Valenza and Jack VanEpps. These students should be very proud of themselves. They all answered a variety of very challenging questions during the final rounds. Good luck to Sean as he continues on representing OHMS.



OHMS Book Club

As a result of student interest, the OHMS Book Club was started this year. The club organized and chose their first book, a historical fiction, "Beyond the Bright Sea," by Lauren Wolk. Their latest selection is a mystery, "The Van Gogh Deception," by Deron Hicks. The story is leading students to discover how a young boy ended up alone in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. As they learn about the boy and his identity, they are also learning about famous artwork displayed in the museum by viewing QR codes that allow them to view the art mentioned. The students look forward to meeting, reading and enjoying a light snack as they discuss the latest book. Thank you to Mrs. Hodgins for organizing this new club.



Save the Date

7th Annual PWP 5K Run/Walk



Presented by the Westhill Teachers Union

When: April 28, 2019

Where: Cherry Road School

Schedule:

9:00am - Kids Dash (7 and under)

9:15 am - 1-Mile Color Run/Walk (NEW!)

10:00 am - 5kRun/Walk

Register online at www.pwp5krun.com.

(Participants 18 and under receive special pricing and all 5k entrants can run the 1-Mile Color Run for free.)

This year's race beneficiaries will be the Westhill Educational Foundation, the Westhill Booster Club and several local charities selected by Westhill students via school writing contests. Winners and their chosen charities will be announced closer to race day.

Check out our web site for more information and like PWP 5kRun/Walk on Facebook. Email us at pwp5krun@gmail.com.

OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 2

Grade 8 High Honor

Abdelfatah, Gisele
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Oluwatomisin
Bealer, Morgan Sierra
Bendall, Katherine Jill
Bergett, Alexis Rose
Bistrovich, Sydney Elise
Bleskoski, Julianne Terese
Bolesh, Ashley Susan
Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin
Centore, Bohdan Patrick
Clos, Mallory Margarete
Colon, Gisselle Anais
Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine
Delay, Kieran Michael
Derrick, James Robert
Donadio, Alexandra Elizabeth
Donnelly, Nathan Patrick
Gilhooley, Rachel Louise
Gilmartin, Luke
Gonnella, Olivia
Goode, Aidan William
Graf, Simon Michael
Heise, Mackenzie Grace
Holowinski, Olivia Marie
Horner, Lizzie
Hynes, Lee Michael
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica Marie
LoFaro, Nicole
Lowery, Adelaide Margaret
Lubel, Margaret Anna
Markham, Iris Mary
McKeon, Madison Rose
McQueeney, Lia Clare
Militello, Samuel
Nowicki, Justin Jacob
Ortiz, Manuel
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
Popp, Abigail
Rogers, Sean Patrick
Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth
Rosenberger, Anna Kerr
Roth, Charlotte
Ryan, Aidan Christopher
Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth
Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose
Snyder, Mary Katherine
Starowicz, Emmet
Stephenson, Sean Michael
Stiner, Lucas Marcos

Taber, Bradyn Shea
Thabet, Ilham
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney Jean
Young, Devin Thomas

Grade 8 Honor

Alt, Leonard
Angell, Jane Marie
Antoine, Olivia Maive
BenYehuda, Ella
Bryant, Keegan Michael
Buckman, Carter Leon
Carter, Ashley Knobel
Carter, Brooke Kelly
Centore, Ian Matthew
Cominolli, Nathaniel Dominick
Conley, Shannon Marie
Cottrell, Abigail Mae
Cowin, Alexander
Crosier, Adrianna Nicole
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
Curtis, Julian
Czaplicki, Kalista Jane
DeFabbio, Michael
Delia, George
Dillabough, Karly
Donegan, Ryan Flaherty
Doss, Mia Avery
Dwyer, Megan
Feliu, Kaelin Grace
Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy
Galante, Joseph
Gluz, Elizabeth Aulina
Greeley, Emily Nicole
Hagrman, Katelyn Anne
Hemingway, Starlene Marie-Angel
Houck, Natalia
Kelly, McKenna Eileen
Kerr, Aiden Jay
Kimball, Joseph Paul
Mersfelder, Mia
Militi, Vittoria
Monic, Ysabella
Naughton, Ryan
Nicoll, Baillie
Osorio, Anthony
Pagano, Anthony Christopher
Richardson, Brady Stephen
Rizzo, Alaina Marie
Roesch, Teresa
Savage, Luke James

Schiffer, Adrianna
Sisson, Caitlin Kelly
Sondej, Andrew
Terrinoni, Natalie Marie
Townley, Austin Dale
Valenza, Zachary Daniel
Villa, Emma
Ward, Chloe Elizabeth

Grade 7 High Honor

Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Ayesha
Borne, Gavin Reed
Caloia, Cade Anthony
Cognato, Nina Grace
Deno, Peyton James
DeSanto, Emma
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Gross, Adriana Jane
Herrera, Elle Madison
Hogan, Jameson Patrick
Knohl, Caitlyn Frances
Knohl, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Lancette, Alison Taylor
Lopez, Cameron James
Mahar, Owen Michael
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth
O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Pens, Grady Alwyn
Plochocki, Alexander Vercingetorix
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stiner, Mia Stephanie
Stiner, William Patrick
Suddaby, Jackson William
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
Van Epps, Jack Brendan
Zema, Rose Marie
Zollo, Lauren Marie

OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 2

Grade 7 Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle
Altheblah, Hasan
Amorese, Vincent Stefan
Battista, Megan Elizabeth
Burdick, Bryce Griffith
Campanella, Jack Salvatore
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Carroll, Alden
Cassoni, Allyssa
Clarry, Adam
Cottrell, Catherine Grace
Craven, Ryley
DeMore, Charles
Dimovski, Sofia Maria
Donadio, Olivia Caitlin
Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Evans, Rachel Maffei
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Finnerty II, Sean P.
Gacek, Chloe Genevieve
Gray, Gracelyn
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Johnston, Brendan Augustine
Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Kleberg, Elena Rose
Kohanski, Morgan Emily
Korrie, Alexa
Kurgan, Michael Albert
Lasher, Ava Mary
Leonardo, Isabel Christine
MacLachlan, Nathan Willard
Madigan III, Michael Francis
Mahoney, Rosemary Elizabeth
Medeiros Jr., Steven John
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nojaim, Carlos Daniel
Paetow, Emma
Pettiford, Ni'Jhay Nichelle
Phillips, Marissa Anne
Rashid, D'Mateo Amin
Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth
Rogers, Kathleen Margaret
Sanborn, Kemery Elizabeth
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Sherwood, Ryan Matthew
Smyth, Shay Thomas
Stanton, Jane Catherine
Taylor, Veronica

Terek, Julianna Marie
Thomas, A'my Uday
Thornton, Ellie Grace
Walsh, Maggie
White, Azaria
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen
Young, Isabel
Young, Liliana
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph

Grade 6 High Honor

Abedrabbah, Razan
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike Oluwatofunmi
Antoine, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Burkett, Samantha
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cowin, Timothy
Detor, Claire Ann
Dorfman, Molly Claire
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
Finnegan, Sophia
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Goral, Mya
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Henese, Luke
Herring, Quinn
Holowinski, Aubrey
Kelly, Caleigh Grace
Khairallah, Jessica Joyce
Kimball, Lauren
Klamm, Jeremiah James
MacBain, Sydney
Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
Pawelczyk, Ashley
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Ramsing, Cadence Marie
Rose, Conor James
Rosenberger, Kara
Scheel, Nicholas
Sipley, Helena Eve
Sisack, Emlyn
Stanton, Laura Rose
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 6 Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana

Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Abraham, Sarah
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille Mae
Balduzzi, Emily
Baty, Ava
Bleskoski, Jordin Beth
Bova, Michael James
Bressler, Auriana
Burns, Phoebe
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
Cecile, Annabella
Clayton, Brody
Cusimano, Rocco Nicholas
DeLine, William
Ferrer-Menendez, Emma Lira
Glover, Michael
Goldman, Adyson
Goral, Kaylee Ann
Gorman, Emma
Griffin, Maxwell Sean
Hart, Mikayla
Hayes V, Robert
Heise, Morgan Lindsay
Jetter, Siena
Joyce, Camaryn
Juman, Eli Stuart
Kelly, Colin William
LaReau, Abigail
Macko, Jacob
Mathews, Camryn Jaye
Maxwell, Jayde Mika
Medeiros, Sydney
O'Hern, Keller
Olesh, Daniel
Pease, Jack Ryan
Rienhardt, Emily
Robinson, Omar
Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria
Scanlon, William
Shenfeld, Zoey Lynn
Sheridan, Riley
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Shirley, Sydney
Sierra, Namine Sarahembla
Swierk, Ryan Francis
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
Valenti, Roman Paul
Vashchishin, Anna
White, Collin Patrick

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Art Room Happenings

The 6th grade students are designing name drawings that will be covers for their sketchbooks. They looked at a few examples of adult coloring pages for inspiration, and ran with it. Wow these covers are really creative and unique! The artists are working on adding patterns and shading into their art as well as showing originality. Shown here is Claire Detor's sketchbook cover.



The amazing OHMS 5th graders are working on an ongoing book project that we started back in September in Enrichment Art and is slated to wrap up by spring open house. The animal themed accordion books are full of adventures and quite a few different art materials: pencil, colored pencil, watercolor pencil/paint, crayon, marker, tempera paint, fabric, clay, scratch art, glitter and so much more! Mrs. Feyerabend so appreciates the careful thought and hard work that goes into developing these books. This sample, called "Clumsy Mouse," is being created by author and illustrator Anna Jackson.



**OHMS presents the musical *HAIRSPRAY JR.*
at WHS Auditorium on March 29 and 30**

The 1950s are out and change is in the air! *Hairspray JR.* is the family-friendly musical piled high with laughter, romance and delightful songs. Adapted from the Broadway production that won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *Hairspray JR.* is a show that will celebrate your students' diversity and bring audiences to their feet with its positive message and sweet sense of humor. You can't stop the beat in this wonderful adaptation of *Hairspray* about one girl's inspiring dream to dance and change the world!

This year (Director) Mrs. Kathleen Tompkins and her crew; Mrs. Karen Cortez, Mrs. Maggie Feyerabend and Ms. Christina Gullotto have cast over (80) OHMS students in this outstanding musical. The students are all working very hard and look forward to sharing with everyone their amazing singing, dancing and acting talents at their show.

Show dates are Friday, March 29 at 7pm and Saturday, March 30 at 3 and 7pm. Reserved seating is available with tickets only \$5. For more information about how you can get your tickets and support OHMS students in this production, please call (315) 426-3400. We look forward to seeing you there!

Westhill High School

Musicians Perform at Area All-State

On February 1 and 2, Dominick Carfagno (voice), Angelo Carr (bass trombone), Thomas Chaddock (voice), Haylei Coolican (French horn), Cami Cortez (voice), Jake Czaplicki (voice), Sophia Frost (voice), Grace Lesselroth (piccolo), Emily O'Reilly (French horn), Sophia Rubino (voice), Mark Olesh (clarinet), Brianna Sexton (flute), Grace Stensland (piccolo), Thomas Stamey (voice) represented the Westhill music department in the Zone 3 Area All-State at Binghamton University. Cami Cortez and Sophia Rubino performed with the treble chorus; Dominick Carfagno, Thomas Chaddock, Jake Czaplicki, Sophia Frost and Thomas Stamey performed with the mixed chorus; Angelo Carr, Haylei Coolican, Grace Lesselroth, Emily O'Reilly and Brianna Sexton performed with the symphonic band; and Mark Olesh and Grace Stensland performed with the orchestra. These Westhill students were selected to Area All-State because of their outstanding Spring 2018 NYSSMA solo grades; our musicians performed with other top student-musicians from Cayuga, Cortland, Tompkins, Tioga, Broome and Onondaga Counties.



All County Honors

Ten Westhill High School 9th grade music students were selected to the Onondaga County Music Educators' Association Junior High All County festival ensembles and performed in these ensembles on January 25 and 26 at Skaneateles High School. Isa Cardoso (clarinet) and Travis Burkett (tuba) performed in the Junior High All County Orchestra; Will Bradley (trumpet), Rachel Colucci (trumpet), Jill Eckert (flute), Bella Jones (clarinet), Noah Rewakowski (percussion), and Gianna Zerrillo (baritone saxophone) performed in the Junior High All County Concert Band; and Sofia Benderski and Alexandra Dubaniewicz performed in the Junior High All County Chorus.



Sixteen Westhill High School music students were selected to the Onondaga County Music Educators' Association Senior High All County festival ensembles (grades 10-12) and performed in these ensembles on January 11 and 12 at Baker High School in Baldwinsville. Congratulations to Senior High All County Orchestra musicians Brianna Sexton (flute), Sarah Schwartz



(oboe), and Angelo Carr (bass trombone); Senior High All County Band musicians Grace Lesselroth (piccolo), Mark Olesh (clarinet), Raeann Curley (Eb clarinet), Colin Walker (bassoon), Jacob Fricano (alto saxophone), Josiah Miggiani (tenor saxophone), Emily Madigan (French horn), Emily O'Reilly (French horn), and Zach MacCollum (percussion); and Senior High All County Chorus musicians Dominick Carfagno, Thomas Chaddock, Cami Cortez, Quinn Etoll, Kaley Richmond, Jordan Scheirer, and Thomas Stamey.

These students were selected from hundreds of auditioning musicians from all across Onondaga County.

WHS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 2

Grade 12

Abraham, Lennah
Adams, Stephen Thomas
Amer, Mohammad Nasser
Antonacci, Jacqueline Taylor
Argentieri, Camille Ann
Bistrovich, Justin Patrick
Blossey, Walker Cole
Britt, Meghan Dwyer
Brown, Bianca Tiarra Adriana
Caccamo, Noah Michael
Caloia, Dino Joseph
Caron, Kevin Jacob
Case, Anthony James
Chaddock, Thomas Henry
Coates, Benjamin Phillips
Coman, Patrick Thomas
Coolican, Haylei Marybeth
Cortez, Camryn Ashleigh
Czyz, Joseph Walker
Daigneau, Elena Lorene
Dashley, Samuel Logan
DeMatties, Noah Robert
Edgar, Abigail Jean
Etoll, Chatarina Quinn
Etoll, Mack Joseph
Getz, Mackenzie Alexis
Gilmartin, Ryan Patrick
Graves, Sydney Lee-Ann
Hart, Sydney Meris
Heinrich, Brigid Walsh
Hofmann, Alyssa Marie
Howard Jr, Thomas Edward
Hurteau, Claire Xiao Yan
Hynes, Zoe Marie
Kelly, Quinn Conall
King, Nathan Howard
Krahling, Caitlyn Victoria
Krzykowski, Braden Joseph
Lougen, Danielle Andrea
MacCaull, Kendra Marie
Malone, Carmen Jared
Martin, Mackenzie Maureen
Mathews, Anila
McPeak, David Joseph
Miller, Caroline Ann
Nowicki, Madelyn Savannah
Olesh, Yuliya
Rabozzi, Emma Elizabeth
Rewakowski, Brendan James
Rey, Nico Carmine
Rey, Olivia Margaret

Robb, Liam Jonathan
Roberts, Jacob Douglas
Robinson, Adam Nicholas
Roesch, Daniel Patrick
Russell, Lauren Maureen
Shampine, Emma Rose
Shattell, Jeremy Robert
Sizing, Reilly Joseph
Spinek, Shannon Nolan
Stensland, Grace Eleanor
Thabet, Ahlam
Thabet, Ali Nagib
Thomson, Brooke Elise
Usev, Andon Toni
Walker, Ryan Halliday
Wheeler, Stephanie Alexandria
Wiezalis, Ashley Elizabeth

Grade 11

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo
Amaya, Adam Anthony
Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth
Bistrovich, Nikolas John
Bogan, Phillip Mason
Bradley, Jackson Thomas
Bryant, Rusden Patrick
Camardella, Angelina Maria
Cannucciari, Arden Rose Mei
Carkner, Jessica Ann
Coman, Thomas Kevin
Cronin, Abigail Lynn
Cundall, Geoffrey Robert F.
Danboise, Brianna Eve
Daniul, Jacob Rae
Davis, William Machold-Sheldon
Derrick, Chelsea Lynn
Domanski, Alyssa Rose
Ferrara, Michael Patrick
Fountain, Spencer Francis
Fricano, Jacob Steven
Fricano, Nathan Lawrence
Frost, Sophia Ilene
Geer, Reilly Erwin
Gere, Jenna
Gilhooley, Rebecca Sue
Grabda, Christopher Cosselmon
Heffernan, Ashley Nicole
Helfeld, Benjamin L.
Hunt, Margaret Fitzgi
Kelly, Kevin Allen
Kessler, Elizabeth Anne
Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn

Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob
Lesselroth, Grace Ann
Lyons, Allison Mary
MacBain, Scott Matthew
MacCollum, Zachary James
Mannion, Quinn Patricia
Masterpole, Ellie May
McIntyre, Caitlyn Kirkpatrick
McMahon, Grace Helen
McQueeney, Aline Nicole
Miggiani, Josiah Ethan
Mitchell, Jonathan Fitzpatrick
Murphy, Ryan Rebecca
O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel
O'Reilly, Emily Brennon
Patrie, Shawn Michael
Peck, Colton Skyler
Remillard, Will Clemo
Ricks, Janae Michelle
Rolince, Ryan Charles
Rudnick, Ciarra Michelle
Satalin, Meghan Teresa
Savage, Michael Patrick
Scheirer, Jordan Maximus
Schwartz, Sarah Catherine
Sexton, Brianna Odell
Sheridan, Hannah Riley
Stamey, Thomas Robert
Sullivan, Molly Grace
Thayer, Christopher Gerald
Vaughan, Katherine Mary
Wheelden, Madelyn Elizabeth

Grade 10

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth
Ascioti, Cali Mae
Banga, Harshdeep Singh
Bealer, Madison Jean
Bergett, Luke Jeffrey
Blossey, Emma Margaret
Bobbett, Jack Stewart
Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen
Britt, Michael Philip
Caron, Sophia Terese
Carr, Angelo Carroccia
Centore, Henry Joseph
Clayton, Kyle Thomas
Cote, Mary Lily
Culligan, Katie Lynn
Curley, Raeann Brooke
D'Agostino, Hannah Grace
Delano, William Carl

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Grade 10 Continued

Dorfman, Cassie Grace
Felter, Aidan Thomas
Felter, Tess Elizabeth
Fitzgerald, Anne Kate
Graves, Kelsey Leann
Grooms, Griffin Richard
Herne, Daniel Steven
Hunt, James Edward
King, Benjamin John
Langdon, Sophie V.
LaParne, Katherine Grace
Lougen, Justin James
Madigan, Emily Drew
Malone, Cristian Michael
Markham, Ella Marie
McMahon, Maggie Rose
McPeak, Katherine Anne
Mechowski, Emma Kelly
Niezabytowski, Cameron Scott
Nowicki, Kylie Sierra
Powers, Jackson Lewis
Rey, Isabella Marie
Richardson, Morgan Anne
Rienhardt, Lenora Marie
Rinaldi, Hailey Marie
Robb, Ava Kathleen
Robbins, Makenna Elise
Rubino, Christian James
Shanahan, Madison Reilly
Shepherd, Ian James
Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
Thomas, Madison Alexis
Thomas, Myshaun Myron
VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey
Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
Walker, Colin Patrick
Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly

Wisner, Taryn Anne
Yeates, Jack William
Zawadzki, Jake Evan

Grade 9

Abedrabbah, Zarifeh
Adams, Abigail Katherine
Adams, Alanna Michelle
Albert, Nicolette Parody
Allen, Brian Alexander
Argentieri, Francesca Eade
Balduzzi, Sarah Marie
Battista, Kaylin Amanda
Benderski, Sofia Stefana
Bradley, William Theodore
Burkett, Travis Michael
Cardoso, Isabella Grace
Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey
Carrock, Daniel Peter
Carroll, Delaney Rose
Case, Amanda Mary
Castracane, Anthony Michael
Centore, Sofia Grace
Colucci, Rachel
Cook, Molly Katherine
Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie
Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
Elias, Angelina Rose
Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
Fountain, Kendall Marie
Gangemi, Emily Jo
Gorman, Emma Kathryn
Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
Greeson, Benjamin Robert
Grooms, Riley Kathryn
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Herrera, Mia Pilar
Hunter, Claire Terese
Johnson, Luke Patrick

Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony
Kirkby Jr., Rodney
Knoll, Charles James
LaFex, Nicholas
Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth
MacCaull, Kyle
Mahar, Liam Patrick
Mannion, Brady O'Brien
Mathews, Alvin
McGlynn, Ella Marie
McMahon, Clare Caitlin
McQueeney, Julia Noel
Mesa-Espinosa, Angie
Metzgar, Quinton Khan
Miggiani, Abigail Chloe
Milham, Julia Pauline
O'Connell, Gracelyn
Ostuni, Jordyn Rae
Patrie, Colleen Theresa
Pens, Quinn Maria
Phillips, Robert
Rewakowski, Noah Daniel
Rosati, Marisa Olivia
Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph
Russell, Julia Marie
Sampo, Isabella Grace
Satalin, John Ryan
Starowicz, Hannah Louise
Thomas, Ben Sener
Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn
Townsend, Michael David
Vanderhoff, Hailey J.
Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth
Winkler, Grace Breason
Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

FBLA Visits St. Lucy's

On Friday, December 7, members of FBLA travelled to St. Lucy's gym on Gifford Street to assist with the set up of their Holiday Gift Program. While there, students put up the Christmas tree, folded and hung clothes, organized toys and assisted where they were needed. St. Lucy's Holiday Gift Program provides gifts and food for members of the surrounding community. FBLA has participated in this event for the last 12 years.



Westhill High School

Central Winds Concert

Congratulations to Westhill High School choral musicians, Cami Cortez, DJ Caloia, Thomas Chaddock, Dominick Carfagno, Zoe Hynes, Kaley Richmond, Sophia Frost, Ashley Wiezalis, Mark Olesh, Jake Czaplicki, and Sophia Rubino, for being selected to the Central Winds Honors High School All Star Chorus and to Westhill High School choral director, Mr. Joe Buchmann, for the honor of having his students selected to the ensemble. The All-Star Chorus was comprised of nearly one hundred outstanding high school singers from all across Central New York, nominated to the ensemble on the basis of their choral accomplishments.



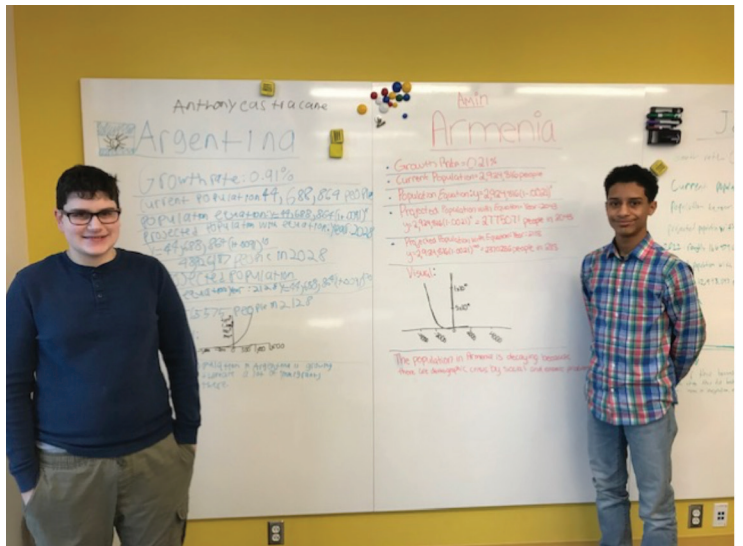
The All-Star Chorus performed at Pine Grove Middle School (ESM) in concert with the Central Winds Music Educators' Wind Ensemble in late January. Westhill Instrumental music department faculty, Mrs. Erin Tapia (piccolo), Mrs. Elizabeth Buell (baritone saxophone), Mr. Corey Riley (trombone) and retired band faculty Mr. Tony Mastrobattisto (alto saxophone) perform regularly with the Central Winds.

Central Winds repertoire included works alone by Leonard Bernstein, Brian Balmages, Julie Giroux, Ron Nelson and John Mackey, and the All-Star Chorus performed works alone by David Dickau and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The Ensembles combined to perform Aaron Copland's *The Promise of Living* from *The Tender Land* and the finale to Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

World Population Project

High school algebra students completed a world population project where they predicted the population of two countries of their choosing and had to display their results on the whiteboard areas in the classrooms and hallways of the newly renovated 3rd floor in the high school.

The project was a part of the exponential growth unit in the algebra curriculum. The expectations of the project were to research the growth and/or decline rates of two countries populations and use that rate in the formula for exponential growth to predict the population of that country at some point in the future. The students also had to research what was currently happening in their country to account for the country's growth or decline. The project included both a mathematical component and writing component that provided students with a real world application of the concept of exponential growth.



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World AIDS Day Poster Contest

Students in Mrs. D'Angelo's Health classes made posters for World AIDS Day to help raise awareness of the on-going problem with HIV and AIDS among teens. Although the number of people dying from AIDS has declined over the last 20 years, more than one in five people infected today are 13-24 years of age. Spreading a message of prevention is extremely important in protecting our youth. Students hung their posters in the school halls and bathrooms to help spread the message. This year, the Central New York HIV Care Network also had a World AIDS Day poster contest. Four students entered the contest and won gift cards for their poster entries. John Wikiera, Chairperson for the HIV Care Network, came to school to talk to the students about their posters and present them with the gift cards. Congratulations to Grace Stensland, Hannah D'Agostino, Makenna Robbins and Ryan Durand!



ACCES-VR Workplace Readiness Training

At the end of February, a group of high school students will be participating in the ACCES-VR Workplace Readiness Training. In general, the ACCES-VR Workplace Readiness Training provides training to students regarding the importance of work, establishing work ethics, demonstrating appropriate work behavior and developing professional social skills. It is an afterschool program that provides students with the skills necessary to obtain and maintain an entry level position following graduation.

Students will understand appropriate work behaviors and demonstrate the ability to meet employer expectations, including but not limited to timelines and performance. They will participate in mock interviews, complete applications (paper, pencil and electronic applications), develop a resume and may attend job fairs. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the impact of personal social media profiles and other communication (e.g. appropriate email address, voicemail messages) in addition, students will complete a pre- and post-evaluation to measure skills attainment.

Transportation to Nonpublic Schools

Following the guidelines of Section 3635 of New York State Education Law, the Westhill Central School District is advising the parents of students seeking transportation to a nonpublic school that a written request must be submitted to the Westhill Board of Education by April 1st of the preceding year. New residents may submit their request after the April 1st deadline, but must do so within thirty days after establishing residence in the district and must also submit a residency affidavit. The school board may refuse to grant a late transportation request where additional expenses and new transportation arrangements would be necessary. A formal transportation request form may be received directly from the nonpublic school at the time of enrollment and must be completed and received at the Westhill Central School District prior to April 1, 2019. The transportation request form and residency affidavit may be found on the Westhill CSD website under Transportation.

On days in which public schools are scheduled to be closed, in accordance with the Westhill school district calendar, the district is not obligated to transport to the nonpublic schools. Under no circumstances may transportation be provided on legal holidays or Saturdays.

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BUDGET INFORMATION

- March 25, 2019School Budget Information Session in the WHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm
- April 5, 2019Absentee Ballot applications available in the District Office
- April 22, 2019Tentative date for 2018-2019 budget adoption
- April 22, 2019Board of Education candidate petitions due in the District Office
- May 7, 2019Public Budget Hearing in the WHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm
- May 7, 2019Deadline to **request** an Absentee Ballot Application be sent by **mail**
- May 14, 2019Deadline to return completed **Absentee Ballot Application**
by 5:00 pm
- May 21, 2019Budget 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, 2019.