



# WESTHILL

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Hill & Vale

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## *Graduation Honors*

### Valedictorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 100.65, David McPeak is the Class of 2019 Valedictorian. David has maintained an extremely rigorous course schedule throughout high school and was recognized as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Outside of the classroom, David is a two-season athlete, participating in soccer and baseball. He has earned three Varsity letters and has contributed to two Sectional championships, two Regional championships and one State championship for the Westhill Boys Soccer program. He was also recognized as the 2019 Westhill Scholar Athlete of the Year for his achievements on and off the field. David is also an accomplished musician, playing in the Westhill Wind and Jazz Ensembles. In addition to being named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, David is a New York State Department of Education Academic Excellence Award Winner, a four time Old English W Award Winner and a Math Team Senior Award Winner. David plans to attend the University of Connecticut in the fall as an Actuarial Science major with a minor in Business.



### Salutatorian



With a cumulative academic weighted average of 99.474, Grace Stensland is the Class of 2019 Salutatorian. Grace has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. She was recognized as the most outstanding senior in our French language program for 2019 and was also recognized by Lee Roscoe with the 2019 Principal's Award for her willingness to take on leadership roles and help other students. Grace is also a talented musician, participating in Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble and Wind Ensemble. She was selected to perform at Conference All-State on flute and NAFME All-East Festival on piccolo. Additionally, during her sophomore year, Grace performed at Carnegie Hall as a member of the Syracuse Youth Orchestra. On the stage, Grace has endeared herself to audiences in the Westhill Drama and Westhill Masquers Club productions for all four years of high school. She has won numerous awards for her roles including a 2019 Theater Star Award for her role as Torrey in the Westhill production of *Freaky Friday*. Grace will attend the University of Rochester in the fall majoring in Film and Media with the intention to further explore her passions for music and theatre.

# Westhill High School

## Most Outstanding Boy and Girl

The Most Outstanding Boy and Girl is a tradition established by Westhill's founders. Students who are named Most Outstanding Boy and Girl receive such honors because they have been identified as representing the entire Westhill High School program. They not only achieve academically, but also are involved in a variety of school activities and give service to the school. A committee of teachers, administrators, and students choose the Most Outstanding Boy and Girl.

### Outstanding Girl



Jacqueline Antonacci was selected as the Class of 2019 Most Outstanding Girl. Jacqueline earned an academic GPA of 96.944, having completed Honors level, AP, OCC and SUPA course work during her high school career. She will attend The Catholic University of America in the fall, studying Spanish for International Service. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Tri-M National Honor Society, an officer in the Spanish National Honor Society and a member of the Westhill Book Club and Future Teachers Club. Jacqueline is also a talented musician. She is a member of the Westhill Percussion Ensemble, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Lab and was a counselor at the Westhill summer band camp. In addition to her work at the Onondaga Free Library, Jacqueline also spends time tutoring her peers in the Spanish language. Congratulations to Jacqueline Antonacci for being selected as the 2019 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Girl.

### Outstanding Boy

The Class of 2019 Most Outstanding Boy award recipient is DJ Caloia. DJ will graduate with a 98.167 academic GPA and will attend SUNY Cortland in the fall to study Early Childhood/Childhood Education with the intention of becoming a teacher. DJ has completed Honors level, AP and OCC course work during his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society. As a vocalist, DJ has participated in Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, Westhill Singers and has been a cast member in the Westhill Masquers Club musical productions for the past three years, taking on a lead role during his senior year. During his senior year, DJ served as the Student Council Treasure. He is a four-year member of the Math Team and also a member of the Future Teachers Club. On the athletic field, DJ participated in JV Baseball, JV and Varsity Soccer (helping to win States his senior year) and Varsity Tennis. Congratulations to DJ Caloia for being selected as the 2019 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Boy.



# Westhill High School

## Old English “W” Recipients

The Old English “W” is a traditional Westhill award bestowed on the individual male and female 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

Isabella Jones	103.400
Brian Kenny	102.800

### 10th grade

Cristian Malone	102.7334	(2nd year in a row)
Paige Agostini	102.2668	

### 11th grade

Sarah Schwartz	102.667	(3rd year in a row)
Jacob Fricano	102.467	(3rd year in a row)

### 12th grade

Madelyn Nowicki	101.333	
David McPeak	102.167	(4th year in a row)

## Future Teachers Club

With a major teacher shortage on the horizon, the Future Teachers Club was restarted in 2017. The goal was to spark some interest among the student body to enter the field of education. It is one of the fastest growing clubs on the Westhill High School campus with 30 members. Participants of the club are exposed to possible careers in teaching by shadowing a Westhill Faculty member for an entire day. The hands on experience in the classroom provided students a window into the behind the scenes work required to be an effective teacher. The club would like to thank the following teachers for opening their classrooms to the club members: Mrs. Feeney, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Prior, Mr. Wells, Mr. Noyes, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Milligan, Ms. Hall, Mr. Ashlaw, Mrs. Hunter, Mr. LaClair, Mrs. Tapia, Mrs. Ziober, Ms. Balla, Mrs. Derrenbacher, Mrs. Galey, Mrs. Sammon and Mrs. Schahczenski who all provided a memorable experience for the students.

In December, club members traveled to Cortland College for a tour of the campus and were able to meet with staff to learn the course work involved in obtaining their teaching degree. Students in the club were also involved in community work. They evaluated numerous essay entries for charity donations associated with the Paint Westvale Purple Race. Other community service events included raising money to buy sheets, comforters, pillows and books for four of the beds built by Mr. Maniccia’s woodworking class for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Organization. Students in the club are excited to become educators and to make a difference in their community





# Westhill High School

## Honors Biology Students Create Tick Website

As part of a PBL learning experience, WHS Honors biology students learned about the dangers of ticks, what it's like to live with Lyme disease, and how ticks can spread other various diseases. Local experts visited the high school to speak with students directly as students began delving into the topic. In an effort to inform the Westhill community, students showcased their informational website to students, parents and administration at our "Westhill Scholar Showcase" night. To learn more please visit: <https://sites.google.com/westhillschools.org/whs-honors-biologyticks/home>.



## College Decision Day

This year to celebrate National College Decision Day, the Counseling Center hosted a new event for seniors (May 1st is the deadline for students to make deposits to attend the college of their choice). "Piece of Cake Day" was celebrated during lunches. The seniors enjoyed cake, made posters indicating their future plans and received their writing folders that included works from elementary school on up. This is inclusive event was for all seniors, giving them the opportunity to share future plans for college, military, employment or other training programs. Congratulations to the class of 2019.



## WHS Math Team

This year's math team consisted of a dedicated group of students in grades 9-12 along with co-advisers, Mrs. Gorman and Ms. Berger. The team competed well in the small schools division throughout the season, and had an excellent showing at the Onondaga County meet in February. Abby Miggiani, Madelyn Nowicki, Jackson Bradley, Chris Grabda, Jacob Fricano, Mike Ferrara, Scott MacBain, DJ Caloia and Josiah Miggiani represented Westhill at this year's County meet at C-NS high school. We are excited to have many students return to compete next year and thank our seniors for their dedication!





# Westhill High School

## Sleeping in Heavenly Peace

By Sydney Hart

"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town" is Sleeping in Heavenly Peace's main mission and Westhill High School's Production Systems (PS) class, has made it theirs too, all thanks to Mr. Roscoe. Sleeping in Heavenly Peace (SHP), is a non-profit organization that began in 2014, by a man named Luke John Mickelson. His organization began out of a garage, as many great establishments do, and grew to unbelievable heights. Across forty different states in the US, 137 chapters exist, including one in Syracuse. In 2018, 14,780 volunteers were recorded across the country and now in 2019, the 8 student PS class is among the numbers. This organization is like no other, and as a united Westhill community, we have made it our mission to help.

Production Systems dedicated their second semester to making ten sets of bunk beds before school lets out in June. PS's main focus is to teach students how to mass produce items, so this project fit in perfectly. With the help of SHP's diagrams, multiple jigs were created, which are devices that guide the operating tools that are needed for production. Under Mr. Maniccia's instruction, the students have been taught how to use the necessary tools/equipment, while also learning about production systems and most importantly, how even the small eight person class can have such a large impact on the community. In addition to the bed making, Westhill's Positivity Project assisted the charity by requesting help from our clubs and teachers at the high school in funding for mattresses, bed spreads, pillows, and a stuffed bear for each bed. P2 was able to receive enough money to fully cover all 20 single beds in just one day. Although building the beds on time was not be an easy task, it was possible through hard work, dedication, help from the community, and lots of wood!



## A Best Community for Music Education

Congratulations, Westhill music! The Westhill Central School District has been named as one of the NAMM Foundation's 2019 Best Communities in the nation for Music Education. The District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Districts that have been recognized by the NAMM Foundation are often held up as models for other educators looking to boost their own music education programs.



## Spring Teams Earn NYSPHSAA Academic Honors

At the end of each sports season, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90%. If a team does not meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90% or above GPA are considered individual Scholar-Athletes.

This spring, Westhill had seven out of our eight varsity teams earning the team honor. Scholar Athlete teams include softball, baseball, girls' golf, boys' tennis, girls' lacrosse, girls' outdoor track and field and boys' outdoor track and field. We had 173 varsity athletes participating in the spring sports program. Out of this 173, 107 earned a 90% or greater average for the 3rd quarter.

# Westhill High School

## Warriors of the Month

9th Grade: Riley Groom's love of learning shines through daily in the classroom with her positive attitude. She exemplifies excellent teamwork by working well with others and frequently contributing to class discussions. She often leads students while in small groups and helps peers stay on task. Her enthusiasm for school is evident. Riley is a true warrior!

10th Grade: Vincent Tarolli is a tremendously kind-hearted and respectful young man. He gives 100% in all that he does in class, but most of all he's a team player. In group activities and projects, Vince is open-minded and appreciates different perspectives. Vince's ability to work hard in class, on the court as a basketball captain and serve as a role model in our community proves he is a true Westhill Warrior! Vince most recently participated in our schoolwide Paint Westvale Purple race, which helped raise funds for multiple charitable organizations. Vince truly embodies the qualities of a respectful, humble leader that showcases integrity.

11th Grade: Jake Daniul consistently manifests P2 traits and is simply a high-class, top shelf, above average, admirable human being. He works hard, always with humor and determination. He works patiently with his peers and teammates when they need help and encourages them to do well. Jake's creativity shines through in his school work as well as in outside projects or just for fun. Jake is kind and respectful to everyone and for these reasons has been chosen as Warrior of the Month!

12th Grade: Joe Czyz is always a pleasure to interact with. Each day when he arrives at school he is full of enthusiasm, is kind and polite. He is always ready with an enthusiastic "Good morning". He is a talented artist and a hard worker. His work as treasurer for the Art Club is diligent, and he is always ready to complete each task as required. Joe embodies many of the qualities of the Positivity Project and the "Other People Matter" mindset.



## Stensland Performs at NAFME

Westhill senior, Grace Stensland (Piccolo), performed with the National Association for Music Education All-East Honors Orchestra as a part of the NAFME Eastern Division Conference held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh from April 5-8. The All-East Orchestra was conducted by world-famous orchestral conductor, Jung Ho Pak. Selection to the All-East roster is one of the highest musical honors attained by high school age student musicians across the northeast; Grace was selected to the ensemble because of her outstanding festival ratings at the 2017 and 2018 NYSSMA Spring solo adjudications. The All-Eastern Honors Ensembles are comprised of the top All-State musicians from Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense School in Europe.





# Westhill High School

## Softball Teacher Appreciation Game

On April 22, the varsity softball team held their first teacher appreciation game. Each student-athlete selected a teacher from the district who has had a meaningful impact in their life. These teachers were then recognized before the game and presented with a letter of gratitude from their student. Thank you to all the teachers who made this event so special and for their incredible work with our students!



## Dance Lessons

Spanish and French students alike enjoyed dancing lessons with OHMS teacher, Profesora Maglente. She walked the students through the basic steps of Salsa, Bachata and Merengue, while later incorporating fun turns and techniques with a partner. By the end of our lesson, the students recognized what dance went with each type of music on their own. Gracias, Profesora Maglente and to all the students who showed bravery and open-mindedness!



## Central Winds Concert

Congratulations to Westhill High School instrumental musicians, Travis Burkett (tuba), Raeann Curley (Eb/Bb clarinet), Jacob Fricano (alto saxophone), Cristian Malone (percussion), Mark Olesh (clarinet), Sarah Schwartz (oboe), Brianna Sexton (flute) and Colin Walker (bassoon) for their selection to the Central Winds Honors High School All Star Wind Ensemble. The All-Star Wind Ensemble was comprised of nearly sixty outstanding high school instrumentalists from all across Central New York, nominated to the ensemble by their directors on the basis of their musical accomplishments.

The All-Star Wind Ensemble performed in early April at West Genesee High School in concert with the Central Winds Music Educators' Wind Ensemble. Westhill instrumental music department faculty, Mrs. Erin Tapia (piccolo), Mrs. Elizabeth Buell (baritone saxophone) and retired band faculty Mr. Tony Mastrobattisto (alto saxophone), perform regularly with the Central Winds; Westhill Bands' Alumnus (class of 2006) and district resident Michael Tyszko (percussion) performed with the ensemble, as well. Central Winds repertoire included works alone by Mackey, Palange, Respighi, Iannaccone, and Galante and the All-Star Wind Ensemble performed works alone by Galante and Marquez. The Ensembles combined to perform Carmen Dragon's *America the Beautiful*.



# Westhill High & Onondaga Hill Middle Schools

## Day of Jazz

On April 3, Westhill senior citizens were treated to a special complimentary dinner hosted by the instrumental music department and parent volunteers for the 41st annual Senior Citizens' Dinner and Concert held at Westhill High School. Following the dinner, a jazz concert was held in the high school auditorium featuring scholastic performances by the Onondaga Hill Middle School and Westhill High School jazz ensembles. The evening concluded with a spectacular guest performance by the Potsdam University Crane Jazz Ensemble led by Professor Bret Zvacek. Thank you to the Westhill Educational Foundation for sponsorship of this year's artists-in-residence, the Crane Jazz Ensemble and for providing the opportunity for Westhill musicians to partake in an afternoon of day-time clinics as well as the public performance.

## Jazz All-County Honors

Two Westhill High School music students were selected to the Onondaga County Music Educators' Association All-County Jazz Festival held during the last weekend of April at Pine Grove Middle School in the East Syracuse-Minoa School District. Ninth graders, Will Bradley (trumpet) and Noah Rewakowski (drum set), performed in the Junior High All-County Jazz Ensemble, directed by Westhill's own recently retired band director, Mr. Tony Mastrobattisto. Will and Noah were selected to the ensemble via a challenging audition that consisted of performing improvisations and prepared jazz materials in different styles. Westhill band director, Mr. Corey Riley, accompanied the Westhill students throughout the Festival and represented Westhill at the OCMEA Executive Council Meetings. Congratulations to everyone involved in the successful weekend of All-County Jazz!

## OHMS Open House

Hannah Tjaden, Ava Baty, Lily Young, Emmie Sisack, Kara Rosenberger and Mrs. Buell performed on the clarinet at the OHMS Open House.

## Band Sweeps Gold

Congratulations to our Westhill band students and to Mrs. Buell, Mrs. Tapia and Mr. Riley for an incredible showing at NYSSMA Major Ensemble Evaluations at Fabius-Pompey Middle School High School on April 9 and 10! Every instrumental music student in grades 7-12 (more than 215 students) performed at NYSSMA Majors. The ensembles each prepared three works from the New York State Schools of Music Association selected repertoire list and performed for NYS Certified Evaluators to great acclaim. Our musicians swept gold:

OHMS 7/8 Band (Mrs. Buell) - Level II - Gold  
WHS Concert Band (Mrs. Tapia) - Level III - Gold  
WHS Symphonic Band (Mr. Riley) - Level IV - Gold  
WHS Jazz Ensemble (Mr. Riley) - Level IV - Gold  
WHS Wind Ensemble (Mrs. Tapia) - Level VI - Gold





# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## Students of the Month

### March

5th Grade: Jillian Henson is a very brave, persevering and kind young lady. She is a role model, constantly displaying P2 qualities. Her bravery is shown through her daily routines. Her kindness is shown through her constant care for others. We are extremely proud of you Jillian, keep up the excellent work!

6th Grade: Timmy Cowin is a hard worker and puts 100% into all he does. He is respectful and a good role model to his peers. His conscientiousness pays off in how successful he is in 6th grade.

7th Grade: Mikey Madigan is one of the nicest kids. He is incredibly polite to everyone. He is extremely patient and always willing to help others, especially with students who are having difficulty in the classroom. Mikey also has a great work ethic and shows strength through challenges. He is definitely someone that exhibits many of our P2 character traits!

8th Grade: Caitlin Sisson is an excellent student and classmate. She is always willing to help and work with other people. She is curious and enthusiastic when learning about new topics. Caitlin exemplifies the positivity traits of teamwork and curiosity each day.



Jillian Henson, Timmy Cowin, Caitlin Sisson and Mikey Madigan

### April

5th Grade: Eric Holstein is always trying to do the right thing in and out of the classroom. As a leader in the classroom, he positively influences others to make good decisions. Additionally, he exemplifies the P2 character strength of integrity each day.

6th Grade: Ashley Pawelczyk is the epitome of the P2 character traits. She always puts forth 110% effort and is helpful to her peers.

7th Grade: Julia Sparks is full of positive energy, even at 7:30 am. Julia always has a smile on her face, has an infectious laugh and also has a great sense of humor. She is like "a ray of sunshine". Julia is also a solid student with a great work ethic, and works hard to keep up her grades. She consistently displays many of our P2 character traits!

8th Grade: Luke Savage represents many P2 traits, especially Leadership, Enthusiasm and Integrity. Luke brings an infectious positive attitude with him to school daily, always has a smile on his face and is willing to help out his peers when needed. On the academic side, Luke is a hard worker who strives to do his best work at all times. His positivity and strong work ethic make Luke a great role model for his peers.



Julia Sparks, Ashley Pawelczyk, Eric Holstein and Luke Savage

# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## Cultural Presentations

Yemen - 7th grader, Ayesha Altheblah, spoke about her heritage, Yemen, to her classmates during IA. She talked about the food, history, special dances, holidays, the national flag, geography, schools, sports, government, religion, tourist attractions, architecture and clothing. She also taught a few phrases in the Arabic language. Ayesha brought in Sambosa, a delicious dessert, for all to try. Sambosa is a fried or baked flour dough that can be filled with a variety of foods. She brought us two kinds to try, beef and cheese. Thank you, Ayesha for the wonderful presentation!

Greece - Nicole LaFaro and Iris Markham shared their knowledge of the Greek culture with students during IA. Topics included the Greek language, currency (Euros), foods (falafel, Greek salad, gyros), geography, the Greek flag and the capital, Athens. Thank you, Nicole and Iris for sharing your knowledge of Greece. Fantastic job!



## NYS School Librarian Conference

Does your student participate in any of our library leadership programs? Many of the students that attend OHMS work in the library in a variety of different ways. A handful of students attended the New York State School Librarian Conference on June 1st to share the ways they have become leaders in our library. From checking out books, working on displays, participating in our GNN Club, iStaff and Drone Training, our students make our library special! Librarians from all over the State had the opportunity to ask them about their work in the library. We hope that our student's work will inspire other librarians to offer similar leadership opportunities in their libraries.



## Engage at Every Age

Did you know that May was Older Americans Month? Neither did our students at OHMS until they were invited to participate in Loretto's Engage at Any Age Event. Twenty-one 7th grade students from OHMS traveled to Loretto to participant in a fun game of Trivia Team Challenge. The students were paired up with teams from the many different Loretto Programs. The students and seniors had a great time competing against each other. After the games, the students enjoyed lunch with their teammates. It was such a wonderful experience to see the different generations come together and truly discover that you can engage at every age!





# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## Author Visit

On May 23, author John David Anderson visited Onondaga Hill Middle School. If you were anywhere near OHMS, you would have heard the students that attended David Anderson's engaging presentations. At times, you could hear laughter and at other times you could have heard a pin drop. Thirty-two lucky students either had breakfast or lunch with the author for a question and answer session. Dave Anderson engaged with our students with such ease and humor that our students left smiling whenever they were in contact with him. Students were able to get their books personally signed by John David Anderson and have their photo taken with him. The day concluded with an awesome author dinner event at Onondaga Free Library. This incredible day left our students and staff with lasting memories. A huge shout out to the Westhill Educational Foundation for supporting this amazing day! Check out this wonderful experience at <http://bit.ly/2We8ucT>.



## Career Clusters Gallery Walk

This quarter, Ms. Gullotto's 8th grade Home and Careers students participated in their first ever gallery walk. Students surveyed and learned about their top career cluster interests, and after much study, reflected on those recommendations. They then researched, analyzed and created a poster demonstrating their knowledge about career industries including the trends, challenges and outlook of each job sector. Students used the library to present their findings and observe the different occupations that their peers considered. A big thank you to Ms. Feeney for her helpful collaboration and a job well-done to 8th grade Home and Careers students!



## Rocket Team Challenge

Congratulations to the students competing in this year's Rocket Team Challenge. Members of the two teams were Liz Gluz, Jane Angell, Kaelin Feliu, Ashleigh Belcamino, Kosta Georgiadis, Carter Buckman, Owen Maines and Michael Kurgan. The teams spent two months building, painting and testing their rockets through computer simulations. Both teams successfully launched their rockets Saturday at SU Skytop location. The girls' team named the "Sally Smithers" placed third in their division. Congratulations to all competitors.





# Cherry Road School

## Second Grade Learns About Honeybees

Second graders attended a presentation about honeybees called "Dancing with the Honeybees." Mr. Cliff, the bee expert, taught the students about the importance of honeybees as pollinators, which tied in with our study of plants in pollination unit. Students got the opportunity to act as a bee community, taking on the roles of different bees and understanding their job in the hive. Afterwards, all of second grade got to make candles from real beeswax. It was a real exciting, hands-on and inclusive opportunity for all the students.



## Mileage Club

Springtime means time for outdoor exercise. The second and third graders are participating in Mileage Club before school. They run laps to start the day off right!



## Getting in Touch with Nature

Third grade students spent the day exploring stream and pond habitats at Baltimore Woods Nature Center. The Nature Educators from Baltimore Woods provided students with hands-on learning opportunities and their lessons about stream and pond ecology and animal adaptation tied in perfectly with what third graders have been reading about and researching in class. Students enjoyed a hike through the woods, wading in the shallow stream to search for invertebrates and other animals and then used dipping nets to do the same in the pond!



## Paint Westvale Purple

The 7th annual Paint Westvale Purple event was held on Sunday, April 28 at Cherry Road School. The 5K race raises funds for several charities. Hundreds of students and community members participated in the Kids Dash, the 5K and the newly minted one mile Color Run. This year, a total of \$13,100 was distributed to several charities. Donations were made to the Westhill Booster Club and the Westhill Educational Foundation, Solvay Geddes Youth Center, Misfits Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, ALS Association, American Cancer Society, Susan B. Komen Upstate and Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network. Several of these organizations were chosen by Westhill students, who wrote essays advocating for their favorite charities. The PWP Planning Committee would like to thank the runners, volunteers and spectators that made the day a success. We'll see you next April!





# Cherry Road & Walberta Park Schools

## Salt Museum Field Trip

Fourth grade classes enjoyed a trip to the Salt Museum to connect with their study of NY State history. They discovered the importance of salt to Syracuse, and acted out various roles and toured the museum as reporters about their discoveries. What a great way to culminate their year of learning!



## OFL Summer Programs

It's almost summer vacation and Onondaga Free Library is hoping you'll spend some time at the public library this summer! Miss Maggie and Miss Kori from the children's department at Onondaga Free Library shared some fun upcoming programs at the library and highlighted this year's space-themed summer reading program. Log the minutes you read this summer and you can earn fun prizes including a certificate for a yummy Gannon's ice cream treat. Students enjoyed acting out a fun Cinderella story with an outer-space twist during the visit.



## Walking and Running Club

On Friday mornings before school during the month of May, the Site-Based Team at Walberta Park held a Walking and Running Club for students. Over 45 children participated in the group and collectively walked or ran close to 200 miles during the four-week group. What a fun and healthy way to start the day!



## Therapy Dog Visits WPS

Rosie the therapy dog with PAWS of CNY visited Mrs. Byrne's kindergarten class. The children each took a turn reading a book to Rosie.



# Walberta Park School

## WPS Introduction to Kindergarten Summer Camp 2019

This week is designed to let your incoming kindergartener get to know their new school. Students will have the opportunity to visit the gym, library, music and art rooms and the cafeteria, as well as meet their new principal. Students will be exploring materials, participating in creative play, listening to stories, but most importantly, developing a familiarity with their new school.

**Who:** Students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2019

**When:** **WEEK 1:** July 8 -11 (4 days)

\*Week 1/session 1: 8:30 am -10:00 am

\*Week 1/session 2: 10:30 am -12:00 pm

**WEEK 2:** August 21-23 (3 days)

\*One session only: 8:30 am -10:30 am

(Please choose only one session to attend below)

**Where:** Walberta Park School

**Instructors:** Mrs. Vercillo and Ms. Casazza

**Cost:** \$75 per student. Cash or checks only. No credit card payments.

\*Please note that class size is limited to the first 15 students, so please register early to reserve your spot. Registration closes on June 21. Confirmation emails will be sent the week of June 24. **Please fill out the form below and mail with payment to:** Introduction to Kindergarten Summer Camp, Attn: Dawn Casazza, Walberta Park School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse, NY 13219

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle which session your child will be attending:**

Week 1/Session 1  
\*8:30 am -10 am

Week 1/Session 2  
\*10:30 am -12

Week 2  
8:30 am -10:30 am

## WPS Reading Camp Summer 2019

Don't let that summer slump happen. Jumpstart your child's summer with our reading camp. Your child has worked so hard all year. Give your child the opportunity to come and have fun with us by reading and listening to a variety of genres such as poetry, reader's theater and other fun summer literature. Our goal is to increase your child's desire to read over the summer.

**When:** July 8-11 (4 days) - 12:30-2:00 pm

**Who:** Students entering 1st or 2nd grade in the fall of 2019:

**Where:** Walberta Park School

**Instructors:** Mrs. Vercillo and Ms. Casazza

**Cost:** \$75 per student. Cash or checks only. No credit card payments. Please make all checks payable to the Westhill Booster Club, Inc.

\*Please note that class size is limited to the first 15 students, so please register early to reserve your spot. Registration closes on June 21. Confirmation emails will be sent the week of June 24.

**Please fill out the form below and mail with payment to:**

Summer Reading Camp for 1st/2nd graders, Attn: Dawn Casazza, Walberta Park School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse, NY 13219

**Reading Camp for 1st/2nd graders  
July 8-11 (4 days) - 12:30-2:00 pm**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



# District News

## Notice of Availability of Asbestos Management Plans

As provided under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, (AHERA-EPS 40 CFR 763), Westhill Central School District hereby makes known the steps it has undertaken to comply with AHERA and the availability of asbestos management plans.

1. Beginning in 1989, all district owned facilities were inspected for asbestos and management plans were developed for each building according to the requirements of AHERA. Triennial reinspections are conducted every three years. Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES of Syracuse, NY completed the 2004 AHERA Triennial inspection and update to the asbestos management plans.
2. Periodic Surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted every six months.
3. All custodial and maintenance staff have undergone 2-hour Asbestos Awareness Training.
4. All response actions taken are within federal and state guidelines.

Management Plans may be viewed at the Westhill CSD Building and Grounds Office during office hours from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. For more information, please contact the following individual: Edward Wittkowski, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, L.E.A. Asbestos Designee, 315-426-3300.

## Notice of Annual Fire Inspections

In accordance with the New York state Education Law 807a, the Westhill Central School District hereby makes known that it has performed and successfully completed Annual Fire Inspections in all of its facilities. All facilities have met or exceeded inspection requirements and, as of date of this notice, there are no known non-conformances with respect to existing code requirements. Public School Fire Safety Reports are on file in the Westhill CSD Buildings and Grounds Office.

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### Mandated Health Exams and Screenings for the 2019-20 School Year

- **Health examinations** will be required for new entrants and in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
- **Vision screening** for color perception, distance, and near vision acuity will be required for new entrants within 6 months of admission to school. Distance and near vision acuity will be **required in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.**
- **Hearing screening** utilizing pure tone testing will be required for new entrants within 6 months of admission to school and in **grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.**
- **Scoliosis screening** will be required in **grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.**

**\*\*Physicals can be emailed or faxed to your child's nurse.**

This info can be found at <http://www.westhillschools.org/> under Health Services, Contact Info.

\*The School Nurse will contact you regarding any concerns with your child's screenings.

**For the 2019-20 School Year**

## Parents:

All kids entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades must have the meningococcal vaccine.

**Without it, they can't start school.**

**About the Vaccine:**

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been required for school entry since Sept. 1, 2010.

**About Meningococcal Disease:**

- It causes bacterial meningitis and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

To learn more, visit [health.ny.gov/immunize](http://health.ny.gov/immunize)

**Immunization is Protection.**

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## Westhill District News

### Congratulations, Retirees!



Kathy Tompkins, Deb D'Angelo, Bernie Luke, Linda Galaska and Liz Persons  
Missing: Pat Connell, Mary Gajewski, Tammy Sterling and Deric Tallman