

Glass Corridors

June Edition



2015
Good Luck Seniors
From the Juniors GC!

The Class of 2015 Senior Time Capsules

By Mary Washburn

The end of the journey of the class of 2015 seniors has finally come and many have forgotten where they really wanted to be when they graduated from high school. The time capsule reveals the hopes and dreams of these young second graders and what they really wanted the future to be like. This is a reminder to dream big and stay



I will be tall or short. I will be nice. I think I will have a boyfriend. I will be skinny. I will have a baby. I will read book to my baby.

~Isabel Sgroi



When I learne to drive I will drive a viper GTS because it is the fastest car in the world it can go 220 miles per hore.

~Daniel Phelan



I might have a boyfriend... I think I might get merried. I might have a car. I might have a baby.

~McKenzie Hayes



My parents won't boss me around. I will be able to watch p-g13 movies now that will be cool.

~Mae O'Neill



In high school I will play bucesball. I will be working at MickDonulds. I will have lots of fun working at MickDonulds.

~Steven Bailey



When I grow up I want to be an uathor and an illstater. I'll write thick about Bart Wars. bart will be Luke Sky Walker and Mr. Simmson will be Darth Vader and milhouse will be 3-CPO and Lisa will be R2-D2.

~ Liam Rodgers



I will be Cole I think i will have a grifan...

~Cole Murphy



I think I will Not have a boy-friend. (gross!)

~Natalie Jones



I think I'll look Just like my mom and my dad will get mixed up with me and my mom.

~Sierra McPeak



When I am 20 years old I will get my own dog. When I tevn 30 I will be a secertary For the President. By the time I have all those Jobs I hope I will have 90,496 dollars and 18 centss.

~ Jacob Van Buren

QUIZ: SENIOR SLIP-UPS

Test your knowledge on your classmates' most horrifying, embarrassing moments!

By Cristin Rathbun

1.)

"When I was in kindergarten, I caught my pants on the teeter-totter and ripped them in half."

2.)

"One time I had gotten knee surgery sophomore year and bravely walked down the school stairs and some girl knocked into my crutches. I fell down the full flight of stairs. The staircase was full of other students and upperclassmen watching. No one helped me."

3.)

"Early senior year I was sitting at lunch. Josh Dougherty called down to me from the end of the lunch table and asked me what a girl's number one priority is. Confused, I ventured around school (with the help of Ben Padavano) only to find numerous copies of my selfie from middle school with the caption, 'A girl's number one priority: love' printed out by my friends and taped to the walls."

4.)

"During junior year, my friend created fliers pretending to be me saying, 'Vote for me for prom queen. I want to feel like a princess for the night.' I didn't even go to prom."

5.)

"I got a 17% on a quiz in Mrs. Pounder's earth science class freshman year."

A.) Sarah Coombs

B.) Lindsay Graves

C.) Alissa Peluso

D.) Michael Johnson

E.) Meghan Burke



Answer Key:

1 is D, 2 is B, 3 is C, 4 is A, 5 is E



I Liked You: Crushes Throughout the Years

By Cristin Rathbun



Nowadays, we all know who is dating whom. Whether you are the school's "power couple", you are just "talking," or you have that strange "friends with benefits" type of arrangement--chances are, Westhill knows. Yet back in the good days of Walberta Park Elementary School, the cuties we had our eyes on were mostly kept a secret. Some brave members of the senior class of 2015 have boldly taken this opportunity to expose their childhood crushes.

Nicolle Awad

"I was about 10 when I fell head-over-heels for a boy named **Steven Jacob Bailey**. I had a diary with a calendar in the back of it and as soon as I found out Steven's birthday month, I took a blue magic marker--I remember it like it was yesterday--and wrote in the box of each day, 'Steven's birthday month!'"

Sierra McPeak

"When I was in preschool I had the fantasy that I was going to get married to **Chris Goodman**. My parents realized the unlikeliness in the situation and had to tell me that there were other fish in the sea."

Jada Cousins

"I used to have a huge crush on **Dan Phelan**. When we were little, I used to punch and hit him to get him out when we played tag."

Mark Purell

"I had a crush on **Ali Polacek** in the first grade at Walberta. I used to let her get me out on purpose during tag to get her attention."

Nick Pulzo

"In the second grade, I was in love with **Lydia Gossion**. I used to watch her in class. I really liked her hair."

Joel Rainone

"I really liked **Brianna Eassa** in the third and fourth grade because I thought she was hot."



A Walk Through The Years for the Class of 2015

By Daniel Phelan

The majority of seniors graduating this year have been in the Westhill School District since kindergarten. It has been 12 years since the class of 2015 started their schooling and a lot has changed in these past 12 years. What songs we listen to, what we watch, who we look up to and what clothes we wear have changed significantly over the years. Four very important events that every Westhill student experienced include the first year at Walberta Park Primary School, the first year at Cherry Road School, the first year at Onondaga Hill Middle School and the first year at Westhill High School. Below are some fun facts about what was happening during these four milestones.

2002-2003: Kindergarten (First year at Walberta Park Primary School)

Most popular TV shows- *Friends* and *Survivor*

Most popular movies- *Finding Nemo* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*

Athletes of the year- Lance Armstrong and Venus Williams

Billboard's #1 song- "Lose Yourself" by Eminem

Fashion trend for girls- Bobby Jack t-shirt

Fashion trend for guys- Sketchers light up shoes



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2005-2006: 3rd Grade (First year at Cherry Road School)

Most popular TV shows- *American Idol* and *CSI*

Most popular movies- *Batman Begins* and *The Da Vinci Code*

Athletes of the year- Tiger Woods and Serena Williams

Billboard's #1 song- "Don't Forget About Us" by Mariah Carey

Fashion trend for girls- Corduroy pants

Fashion trend for guys- Professional athlete jerseys



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2007-2008: 5th Grade (First year at Onondaga Hill Middle School)

Most popular TV shows- *American Idol* and *Dancing With The Stars*

Most popular movies- *Transformers* and *Wall-E*

Athletes of the year- Tom Brady and Candace Parker

Billboard's #1 song- "Low" by Flo Rida

Fashion trend for girls- Hollister shirt

Fashion trend for guys- Syracuse basketball shirt



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2011-2012: 9th Grade (First year at Westhill High School)

Most popular TV shows- *Game of Thrones* and *The Walking Dead*

Most popular movies- *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* and *Marvel's The Avengers*

Athletes of the year- Michael Phelps and Abby Wambach

Billboard's #1 song- "Somebody That I Used To Know" by Gotye

Fashion trend for girls- Yoga Pants

Fashion trend for guys- Nike Elite Socks



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Bonus!

2015-2016: First year out of Westhill

Most popular TV shows- *Orange Is the New Black* and *Grey's Anatomy*

Most popular movies- *Mad Max: Fury Road* and *Avengers: Age of Ultron*

Athletes of the year- LeBron James and Ronda Rousey

Billboard's #1 song- "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars

Fashion trend for girls- Joggers pants

Fashion trend for guys- Pastel cargo shorts



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#Senior15Probz by Noelani McAfee

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1... When your junior prom was also the sophomore and freshman prom

2... Being called to the office for wearing bandanas.

3... Silly Bands

4... When Mr. Hudson made you cry.

5... Disney Channel original movies.

6... When all school dances were banned.

7... The meltdown of Mrs. Tompkins.

8... Phones with keyboards (Env2).

9... Being food bombed as a freshman.

10... Making posters to put on someone's locker on their birthday.

*You Know You're From:
The Class Of 2015
When...*

By Noelani McAfee



11... Mrs. Ferg slamming the door and shattering it.



12... Stopping at 69 on the pacer test.

13... Going to Cherry Road Park in middle school.



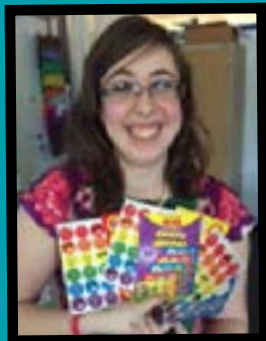
14... The retirement of Mr. Sperato.

15... Aeropostale and Limited Too.

Teacher Advice to Graduating Seniors

By Mae O'Neill

Ms. Forman



What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

Have as much fun as you possibly can in college, but remember you are there for an education. But you don't want to have too much fun-you want to make your parents proud.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

Remember that high school is the last time that you get to be kid, so enjoy it.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Don't judge people before you know them and never take anything for granted.

Mr. Lewes

What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

Work hard, follow your dreams and expand your horizons.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

Treat everyone with respect.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Don't always goof off. Some things have to be taken seriously.



Mrs. Fenner



What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

Don't be afraid to ask questions.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

Learning the value of teamwork.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Eat dessert first.

Miss. Quijano

What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

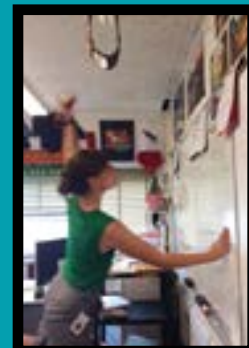
Don't be afraid to seek friendships or at least tolerance from people outside your perceived social group.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

What you accomplish during high school is not-and should not be-the greatest things you ever do.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

True purpose...



Mr. Wells

What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

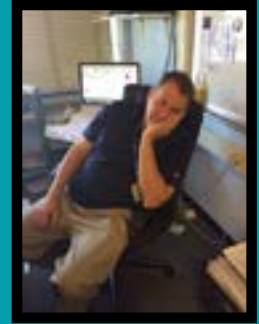
Get your degree because nobody can take that away from you and do what you love.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

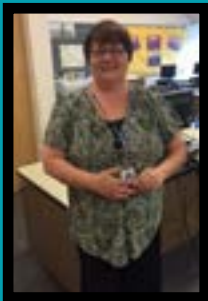
Don't take everything too seriously. Don't stress about things you really don't need to worry about.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Learn how to avoid making mistakes, and if you do make mistakes, learn how to deal with them.



Mrs. LaPenna



What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

Treat your schoolwork seriously. Hard work will pay off in the future.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

Treat everyone with respect-it will help you get further in life.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Don't be afraid to try new things-you can learn from your failures.

Mrs. Weaver

What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

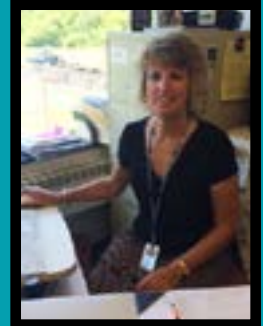
Stay on top of your work.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

To be my own person without worrying about what other people thought of me.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Always believe in your own potential.



Mrs. Cornell



What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

Work really hard in college, but find time to enjoy the experience. Meet new people.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

Don't take yourself too seriously. Be able to laugh at yourself.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Life is short; don't get wrapped up in work and trivial things. Don't put off spending time with people you care about.

Mrs. Willey

What's the best piece of advice you could give to a graduating senior?

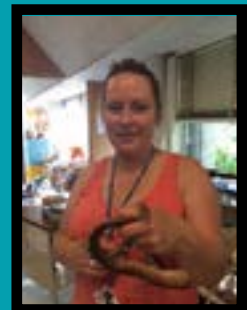
Leave the Earth in a better state than you found it.

What's the most important lesson you learned in high school?

Believe in yourself.

What's the most important lesson you've ever learned?

Put the needs of other's before yourself.



GLASS CORRIDORS

We've Come A Long Way From Where We Began.....

Out-Of-State-Schools

University of Richmond

Tatiana Monds

Providence

Daniel DeMauro

Xavier

Richard Parkinson

Western New England

Michael Johnson

University of Vermont

Christian Albright

South Carolina Upstate

Kelly Lippert

Loyola University

Richard Easterly

George Mason

Lindsay Graves

George Washington

Jordan Roland

Mercyhurst

Alexis Webb

Dominic Fortunato

Northeastern

Ethan March

Natalie Jones

Univeristy of Southern Indiana

Julianna O'Hern

Emerson

Mae O'Neill

SUNY Colleges

Plattsburgh

Nicole Awad

OCC

Steven Bailey

McKenzie Hayes

Kyle Martin

Nathan Mevec

Gregory Newton

Renee Rader

Irina Timoshchuk

Kevin Young

Potsdam

Shamus Davis

Morrisville

Jennifer White

Oneonta

Alexandra Cunningham

ESF

Amanda Cruty

Matthew Dieffenbach

Monroe Community College

Noelani McAfee

Cobleskill

Sierra McPeak

Geneseo

Brianna Eassa

Michael Geiler

Olivia Mancabelli

Annelise Eicholzer

Alissa Peluso

Mark Purcell

Fredonia

Marisa Rivera

Purchase

Holden White

Fashion Institute of Technology

Maura Felter

Oswego

Corey Smith

Broome Community College

Katelynn Commisso

Cortland

Cristin Rathbun

Tompkins County Community College

Nina Onoff

Binghamton

Elizabeth Meluni

Allison Boyle

Ciara Hoyne

Michael Kersey

Oh We'll Tell You About It When We See You Again.

Keuka

Robert Antonacci

Hamilton

Molly Clark

Syracuse University

Skye Hart
Crue Culligan

Daniel O'Connell

School of Visual Arts

Nicole Millman

Hobart & William Smith

Elizabeth McAnaney

Rochester Inst. of Technology

Brandon Simmons
Cole Murphy

Benjamin Padovano

Marymount Manhattan College

Abigail Carrock

Private/In-State Schools

St. John Fisher

Lydia Gosson

Alexandra Polacek

Xiomara Radio-Rodriguez

Le Moyne College

Claire Diefendorf

Andrew French

Christopher Goodman

Brianna Linton

Samuel Walsh

Japera Perry

Nazareth

Christopher Marnell

Clarkson University

Hannah Lesselroth

Albany College of Pharmacy

Samanth Ruckyj

Pace University

Dana Radin

Daemen College

Nicholas Puelo

Siena

Morgan Bennett

Cazenovia

Krista Commisso
Erin Davis

Niagara

Makayla Kanavy

Ithaca

Donovan Whipple

Utica

Liam Rodgers

Good Luck Class GC Seniors!



Summer Book Recommendations

By Nina Onoff

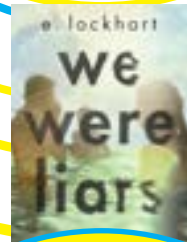
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai- This memoir tells the amazing story of Malala Yousafzai, a young girl who fought for her right to an education. When she was shot in the head as punishment by the Taliban, few expected her to survive. In her book, Yousafzai details the courage and perseverance of a family targeted by terrorism, as well as the ongoing fight for equal treatment and education for girls in a male-dominated society.



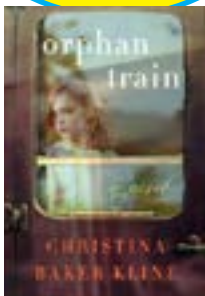
American Gods by Neil Gaiman- After being released early from prison following the death of his wife, Shadow is on a plane home for her funeral when he meets a strange man named Mr. Wednesday. The stranger knows things about Shadow that shouldn't be possible, and he soon takes Shadow under his wing. The arrival of Mr. Wednesday marks the beginning of Shadow's role in a battle that will change everything.



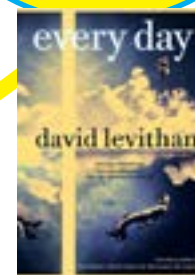
Summer's right around the corner, and instead of the usual routine of sleeping until noon and netflixing yourself into a coma, why not pick up a book and visit a whole new world entirely? We've compiled a list of books recommended by some of the most seasoned readers around, with riveting material guaranteed to wake you from your netflix coma just in time for sunny days!



Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline- This historical fiction piece focuses on the "orphan trains" that took abandoned children from around the country to new homes and uncertain futures. Vivian Daly, one of the orphans whisked away by these trains, has spent the remainder of her life erasing all memories her past. An unlikely friendship helps Vivian confront her past and begin to heal.



Every Day by David Levithan- A is a teen who wakes up in a different body every morning. Faced with a different life each day, A has tried to remain undetected and unattached from those around them. That is, until A meets Rhiannon. A is determined to find a way to be with the love of their life, but love isn't so simple trapped in a stranger's body.



We Were Liars by E. Lockhart- Cady Sinclair Eastman is the heiress to an enormous fortune. When a head injury leaves Cady missing key memories, she has to piece together her past to unravel the lies of those around her.

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The Retirees of 2015

There is the classic phrase that most have heard which is, "You don't know what you have till it's gone." This statement will apply very well to all of the staff that will be departing from Westhill and finally graduating from high school. Students and staff will soon realize just how much these few people have done for the school when they leave. So as a final thanks for all that they have done for everyone, here are some final departing words from the Westhill community.

Mrs. Ferguson

After over thirty years serving the Westhill community, Mrs. Ferguson is finally graduating and ending her time here. Her absence will be noticed by any student that was ever at Westhill. Mrs. Ferguson is easily able to bring a smile to any student's face at a moment's notice, whether that be yelling at kids to get out of the hallways or coming into Mrs. Cornell's chemistry classes and yelling, "I taught you this!" A classic story was told by Maura Felter when one day she was standing in the hall and Mrs. Ferguson was also looking at the ducks and said, "See that duck right there, that's going to be the dominate duck." Maura then left and proceeded to die with laughter. Mrs. Ferguson is an irreplaceable teacher and person that will be missed by all students.



Mrs. LaPenna

Every student at Westhill has come into contact with Mrs. LaPenna because of all the work she does with business classes and running the bookstore. She has students rush to her on the very last day to order review books, as well as students who need a pick-me-up like gum, gushers or any Westhill gear. Someone who has worked closely with her, Mrs. Casper, was sentimental when asked her about her departure from Westhill. She said, "I remember when I first came she was very patient with me and my questions. I'll miss her terribly, not as just a department head and co-worker, but as a great friend."



Mrs. Catalano

Mrs. Catalano has impacted the Westhill community for many years in the resource department and throughout the school. As an aid for students, many have come to her for help in all subjects for all grade levels. In the testing center, she is a key asset and well known by many students. When asked about her time ending at Westhill, Mrs. Blocklin made sure it was known that "She is dedicated to her students, and always supporting them getting whatever they need." Mrs. Catalano has earned a relaxing retirement after all of her hard work and time.



Summer Jobs

By Cody Badman

A summer job is something that all high school students either have, or should have, for obvious reasons.

Summer jobs come with a variety of benefits. Starting with the obvious, they provide a way for teenagers to trade in their unused hours for a few bucks. (And what teen doesn't want a few extra dollars?) Secondly, a benefit that most teens might overlook is the fact that a summer job can give individuals the chance to interact with new people and make more friends. An additional benefit is that a summer job can help to stack your resume with work experience.

"A summer job is a necessity for any teen."
-John Schermerhorn



The hardest part of a summer job may be in fact the process of finding one. There are several means by which a teen may find a summer job. Several websites are aimed at helping people to find summer jobs, one of which is Summerjobs.com. This website displays pages upon pages of summer jobs for both teens and adults. Another source where a summer job might be found is in the local newspaper. A third route for finding a summer job (and probably the most common) is by knowing someone. Westhill student Michael Olesh was interviewed regarding his current summer job status and when questioned about how he had found his, said that he found it "through my cousin." In addition to Olesh, John Schermerhorn was also interviewed. When asked about how he had found his job his response was, "through my parents and acquaintances." So clearly, the best way to find a summer job is by asking people that you know.

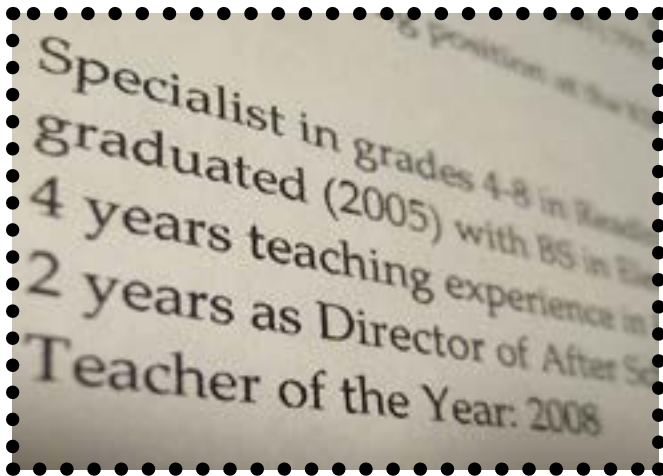
Many teens have questions regarding work hours and pay when considering a summer job. It doesn't take an expert to say that most summer jobs pay minimum wage, but there still are several jobs that pay above that. In regards to work hours, there are quite a few jobs out there that allow you to set your own hours. Going back to Michael Olesh's interview, when questioned about his work hours and if he could choose his own hours he replied, "Yes." John Schermerhorn was asked the same question and his response was that he could not, in fact, choose his own hours. However, when it comes to pay, Schermerhorn mentioned that he rakes in the dough at a rate of "\$10 per hour." Also, Schermerhorn left an additional comment, "a summer job is a necessity for any teen." The reality with summer jobs is that it may be easy to find a job that allows you to select your own hours, however finding one in which you can choose your own hours and get paid above minimum wage can be difficult.



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How to Get the Job

By Cody Badman



Applications

- Bring ID, Social Security.
- Be neat when filling out the application.
- Don't leave blanks.
- Be truthful.

Resumes

- Consistent with application.
- Grab the reader's attention within the first couple of lines.
- Focus on achievements.
- Keep it short and sweet.

Where to look

- Newspaper
- Online
- Acquaintances

Cover Letters

- Don't copy your resume.
- Talk about what you can bring to the table.
- Don't draw attention to your weaknesses.

Interview Don'ts

- Act casually.
- Ask about pay early.
- Act desperate for the job.
- Chew gum.
- Exhibit nervous habits.
- Use your cell phone.
- Bring in water.



Interview Do's

- Dress appropriately.
- Arrive early.
- Greet the interviewer with a firm handshake.
- Have good eye contact.
- Avoid bad habits (slouching, fidgeting.)
- Be yourself.
- Take notes.

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Summer in CNY Concerts

By Makayla Kanavy

Boys of Zummer 2015 Tour at SPAC

June 23rd at 7 P.M.

Wiz Khalifa and Fall Out Boy with Special Guest Hoodie Allen

Ticket prices range from 70-40 dollars for seats and \$27 for lawn seats

Must buy tickets before the day of the concert they will not be available to buy the day of.



Dave Matthews Band at SPAC

July 3rd and 4th

Starts at 7 P.M. both nights

Seat tickets range from 85-75 dollars, while lawn seats are the standard \$40.50

Must buy tickets before the day of the concert they will not be available on that day.

Ariana Grande at Times Union Center in Albany, NY

July 31st

Starts at 7P.M.

Tickets start at around \$100 and go up depending on seating,

Must buy tickets before the day of the concert they will not be available on that day



Festivals, Fairs and Miscellaneous Events

Jamesville Balloon Festival

June 26th-28th

Friday: 4-11 P.M.

Saturday: 1-11 P.M.

Sunday: 1-10 P.M.



Graduation June 27th!!



Sterling Renaissance Festival

July 4th-August 16th every Saturday and Sunday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Located in Sterling, NY

Single Day Pass is \$26.95

Two-Day Pass is \$47.95

Oswego Harbor Fest

July 24th through the 27th

On Saturday July 25th, there is a firework show

On all the other days, there is live entertainment and amusement rides along with a mid-way



Syracuse Jazz Fest at OCC

July 17th and 18th

Starts at 5 P.M. both days



Great New York State Fair

At NYS Fairgrounds

August 27th-September 7th

Regular Daily Admissions

\$10.00

Thursday Admission is \$3.00

Labor Day Admission is \$1.00

Summer Movies to See:

Trainwreck -June 17th 2015

A comedy starring comedian Amy Schumer. This film is about a successful woman who grew up thinking monogamy was something that was not possible. But when she meets a great guy through work, she has to rethink everything and face that it might be possible for her. This film also features comedians like Bill Hader, Nikki Glaser, and Brie Larson.

Paper Towns -July 24th 2015

Based on the novel of the same name by John Green this movie is about five school students who go on a road trip to find the main character's neighbor who disappears after he and she prank everyone who has done her wrong.

Fantastic Four -August 7th 2015

This reboot of the Fantastic Four is the next big Marvel movie release after the Avengers: Age of Ultron comes out. This movie based off of the comics is about four scientists who, when a teleportation experiment goes wrong, gain superpowers.

Summer Reading

By Arlana Henneberry

Summer reading is almost upon the students of Westhill and even those two words can send groans of displeasure throughout all grade levels. But the summer reading list for 2015 has added new books to all genres that were recommended by your peers.

Sports

The Boys in the Boat

Daniel Brown

As the country steers towards the Great Depression, nine boys gave hope to the nation that anything can be possible even when nothing makes sense. These nine boys were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers who beat the sons of bankers, senators and those who had power and were privilege. This book celebrates the boys' achievement and that America can still be optimistic in the worst of times.

League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions and the Battle for Truth

Mark Fainaru-Wada and Steve Fainaru

The ESPN reporters show how the NFL, over a period of nearly two decades, tries to cover up the connection between football and brain damage. The reporters show that no amount of padding can protect these players.

Non-fiction

The Other Wes Moore

Wes Moore

Two kids with the same name, one grew up to be a business leader and a White House Fellow, the other is serving life in prison for felony murder. One single letter asking 'who are you?' and 'how did this happen?' created a long lasting relationship between the two. With over a dozen of letters and prison visits, Wes Moore's questions were finally answered.

Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town

John Krakauer

Missoula, Montana is a typical college town; a state university, a lively social scene and an excellent football team. But the Department of Justice investigated 350 sexual assaults reported to the Missoula police. Krakauer tells the stories of several women living in Missoula, telling their stories, their fears and the way they were treated by the police.



Fantasy

Goddess Test Series

Aimee Carter

If you enjoy the tales of the Greek Gods, this is a story for you. Kate and her mom are traveling back to her mom's childhood home. It has always been Kate and her mom, then Kate meets Henry, who claims to be Hades, God of the Underworld. He has her complete seven tests and if she fails her mother will die. But every girl who has taken these tests have died.

Any book by P.C. and Kristen Cast

House of Night is a thrillingly book series that follows 16 year-old Zoey Redbird, who gets marked and begins to undergo the change into an actual vampire. Within the walls of her new school, Zoey finds new friends, finds love and of course a secret that could cost her her life.

Contemporary Fiction

Tenth of December

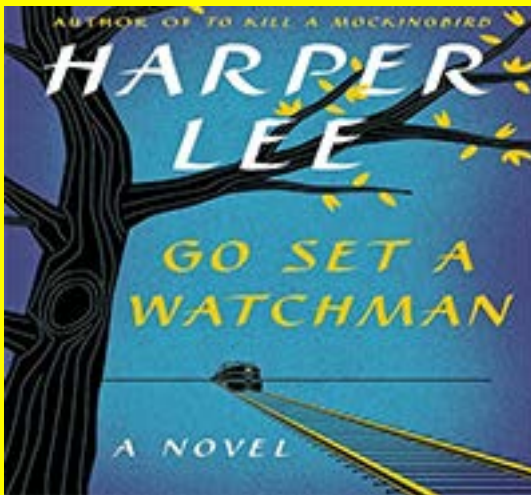
George Saunders

A collection of short stories. Saunders commented that he was inspired to write the title story after beginning to wonder how he would handle 'a slow and protracted death.'

The Age of Miracles

Karen Thompson Walker

What would happen if the rotation of the Earth suddenly began to slow down? The days and nights would grow longer, gravity is affected, and the environment is thrown into disarray. That's what happened to Julia, her family and the rest of the world



Classics

Go Set a Watchman

Harper Lee

Harper Lee's second novel features many of the characters from *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Jean Louise Finch (Scout) returns home to Maycomb to visit her father. This story takes place twenty years after Atticus' famous Tom Robinson case.



Historical Fiction

Orphan Train

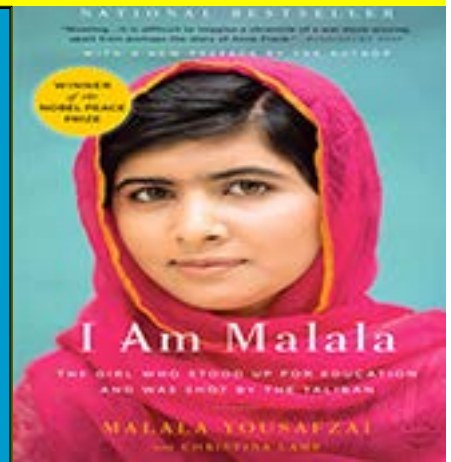
Christine Baker Kline

Molly is a foster teen and she is performing community service for Vivian, an elderly widow. They discover that their lives have much in common. When Vivian was a girl, she was taken to a new life on an orphan train. These trains carried children to adoptive families for 75 years.

The First of July

Elizabeth Speller

The Battle of the Somme is a day of catastrophe in which Allied casualties reached numbers almost in the hundred thousands. The lives of Frank, Benedict, Jean-Batiste and Harry will change forever.

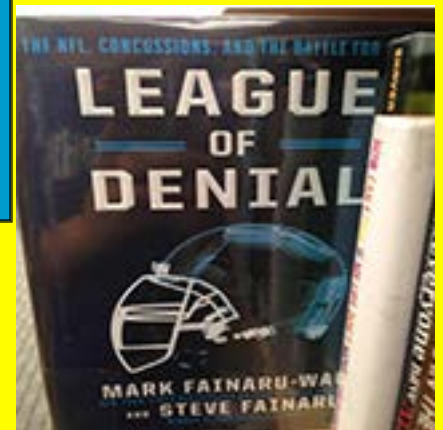


Biography

I am Malala

Malala Yousafzai

What if your education was taken away from you? Would you fight for it or let it slip through your fingers? Malala Yousafzai spoke out for her right to an education. But on Tuesday October 9, 2012, she was 15 when she paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point blank range while riding the bus home from school bus.



Why is Summer Reading Important?

By Mrs. Fenner

It's a good way to learn about the world.

Best way to learn vocabulary.

Develop a life-long habit.

The more you read the better you read.

IT'S FUN!!!!

By Maddy Smith

THE SCHOOL YEAR

September

September marked the start of the 2014-2015 school year, and students returned to school on September 3rd, 2014. Several new staff members joined the Westhill High School faculty this year. New staff members included Ms. Smarrelli, Mrs. Weinsztok, and Ms. Dunham. Also in September, Superintendent Mr. Barduhn took on the ice bucket challenge with the help of Ms. Forman. Students who wanted to see this happen went to the football field during IA and paid \$1.00. With the help of this event and staff contributions, \$471 was raised for the local chapter of the ALS Association.

October

October was a very spirit-filled month at Westhill High School this year. Spirit week took place the week of October 6th- 10th. The themes were America Monday, Tropical Day, Prep Day, Jersey Day, and Westhill Day. This fun-filled week concluded with the annual pep rally and bonfire. Following this was the homecoming football game against Chittenango, which Westhill defeated 51-13. Unlike most schools which have homecoming dances, Westhill did not have one for the second consecutive year.

Freshmen Emma Carrock, Lauren Klee, and Natalie Pagano on Tropical Day

November

November was a showcase of the various talents at Westhill High School. A combined band and chorus concert was held on November 5th to honor veterans. That weekend, on November 8th, the girls varsity soccer team defeated Beekmantown, winning the regional title. The team advanced to the state-semi finals, but unfortunately lost. On November 20th, 16 Juniors were inducted into French National Honor Society. This was followed by the fall drama production, *A Midsummer's Night's Dream*. Many students were involved in this production. November also marked the beginning of winter sports.



Seniors on Favorite Holiday Character Day

December

December was full of activities prior to the winter recess. The Shakespeare Competition took place on December 8th, 2015. The winner was Mae O'Neil. The annual Holiday Spirit Week took place December 15th-20th, and contained the themes Pajama Day, Favorite Holiday Character Day, Ugly Sweater Day, Twin Day, and Class Colors Day. Also during this week, the fall induction of National Honor Society took place for seniors. The week concluded with a performance by various music ensembles, and "Superstars," the annual event where students get to pick the activity they attend.

January

January was a rather uneventful month at Westhill due to the return from the Winter Recess. However, students did get to experience a presentation on music of the Holocaust. Several "cold days" and school delays impacted the flow of school during January.

IN REVIEW

February

February was a cold and snowy month in Central New York. Despite the cold weather, the French Club traveled to Quebec, Canada for four days during the February break. Students enjoyed participating in the Winter Carnival and participating in various winter-related activities. Following the February break, students in band and chorus were treated to a performance by the woodwind quintet of the United States Air Force.

April

After school resumed, from the Spring recess, students in chorus left on April 23rd to travel to Galatinburg, Tennessee to compete in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival. The Chorus ended up winning five awards, and everyone had an excellent time participating in various activities. After the students returned, both WHS bands played in the NYSSMA Majors Festival. Also this week, the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held, and many juniors were inducted. The month concluded with the arrival of several Belgian exchange students to Syracuse. They were hosted by several Westhill French students and teachers and spent a day attending classes at Westhill in order to experience "an American school." This allowed Westhill students to learn more about Belgian culture and was a good experience for all.

May



The 2015 Prom Court

May was a very busy month at Westhill. May started with AP exams, which many students took. The final band and chorus concerts were held, which honored all the senior members. Following the AP exams and concerts was the Junior Prom, which was held at May 16th, at the Empire Room at the State Fairgrounds. James St. Denny and Natalie Jetter were named Prom King and Queen, and Brad Canavan, Luke Sekowski, Brittany Albert, and Katherine Doherty were named Prom Princes and Prom Princesses. The night concluded with the after-prom party at Revolutions.

Students have been preparing the last few weeks for final exams, and will attend last day of classes on June 12th. This day will feature the annual Moving Up Day Ceremony, the Senior Breakfast, and Senior Ball. The day after, the varsity baseball team will compete in the state semi-finals. The school year will wrap up with Regents and final exams held at the high school from June 15th to June 23rd. The Class of 2015 will graduate on June 27th, 2015, at the Civic Center at 10 AM.

March

March contained many superior achievements. The month started off with the musical, *Legally Blonde*, which was performed on February 28th, March 1st, and March 2nd. The musical was well attended. There was a cast of about approximately 80 students and a crew of 12 students. This was followed by the annual all-district band day concert held in the gymnasium on March 4th. Every band ensemble in the school district performed in this event. The district-wide band program was given the tremendous opportunity to perform at the NYSBDA conference. A chorus concert was performed two weeks later on March 18th with performances from the various vocal groups at the high school. Additionally, the varsity boys' basketball team won the Class B New York State Championship on March 21st, for the second consecutive year. The boys also continued on to win the Federation Championship on March 29th. The month ended with the start of the spring sports season.

June

*** It's Been a Great Year!
Have a Good Summer! ***