



# Westhill

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you healthy, safe, and surrounded by loved ones. These are certainly unusual times for everyone. We all feel that sense of uncertainty, angst, and yet opportunity as well.

I want to thank all of you for your relentless assistance in helping us continue to provide learning opportunities for your children. The teaching staff, TAs, administrators, and all of the support behind the scenes appreciate the challenges this brings into your home. The staff at Westhill stands ready to help. There are lists of resources on the home page of the Westhill website, with topics from tips for parents in talking to children, listing of child care centers, coping with stress, and internet access to name a few.

Teachers, TAs, and building principals have been working diligently to provide a continuity of instruction to all students. If you have questions or concerns about how best to support these efforts, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, guidance counselor, or principal. Everyone is anxious to have this learning go as smoothly as possible.

Lunch and breakfast are being served and delivered on a daily basis Monday through Friday to eligible students in the district. If you'd like information about this program, please call 315-426-3272.

Social distancing and hand washing continue to be the best line of defense against COVID-19 according to health officials. As such, we strongly discourage use of school outdoor play areas such as playgrounds, basketball courts, and playing fields. Not only are these areas difficult to maintain proper distancing, but playground equipment, fence gates, railings, and similar areas are impossible to keep sanitized.

At this writing, there are no COVID-19 cases among staff or students of the Westhill Central School District. Should that change, you will receive a general notification by the district, however, any detailed information would be communicated through the Onondaga County Health Department. It is the Health Department, not the school who would be reaching out to anyone potentially impacted.

I wish everyone good health, safe measures, and plenty of hand washing in the coming days and weeks. May the strength of the Westhill community give us the same comfort through our on-line connections that we enjoy in the classrooms, bleachers, auditorium, and school social gatherings. We miss you all!

Sincerely,

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