



WESTHILL

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE - MAY 21, 2019



The proposed Capital Project is a continuation of the renovation to the Westhill High School that began in 2015, as well as upgrades to Walberta Park, Cherry Road and Onondaga Hill Middle Schools. The transformation of this 1962 building has been designed with the needs of 21st century learners and work force in mind.

In October 2015, the district community approved renovations to the 3rd floor of the high school academic wing, which had not been renovated since the school was built in 1962. This project continues the next phase with the renovations of the 1st and 2nd floors.

Additional components of the Capital Project are those items considered most urgent and necessary to meet the future-ready learning needs of all students, the safety and security for all staff and students, and the facility needs for long-term building operation and maintenance.

save
the date

Public Informational Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 7:00PM

High School Haws Auditorium

Proposed Capital Project Vote

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | 7:00AM - 9:00PM

High School Auditorium Foyer

District News

PROJECT INFORMATION

Westhill High School

- 1st and 2nd Floor Renovation / Reconfiguration
- Library Renovation / Reconfiguration
- Select Restroom Renovations
- Exterior Glass Replacement at Courtyard
- Select Exterior Restoration
- New Bleachers and Press Box
- Baseball Backstop
- Stage Flooring and Rigging Replacement
- Fire Alarm Upgrades
- HVAC System Upgrades
- Plumbing Upgrades

Onondaga Middle School

- Main Entrance Reconfiguration and Security Upgrades
- Front Entrance Site Enhancements
- Science Wing Windows Replacement
- Accordion Classroom Partitions Replacement
- Skylights Replacement
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Fire Alarm Upgrades
- Exterior Basketball Court Renovation

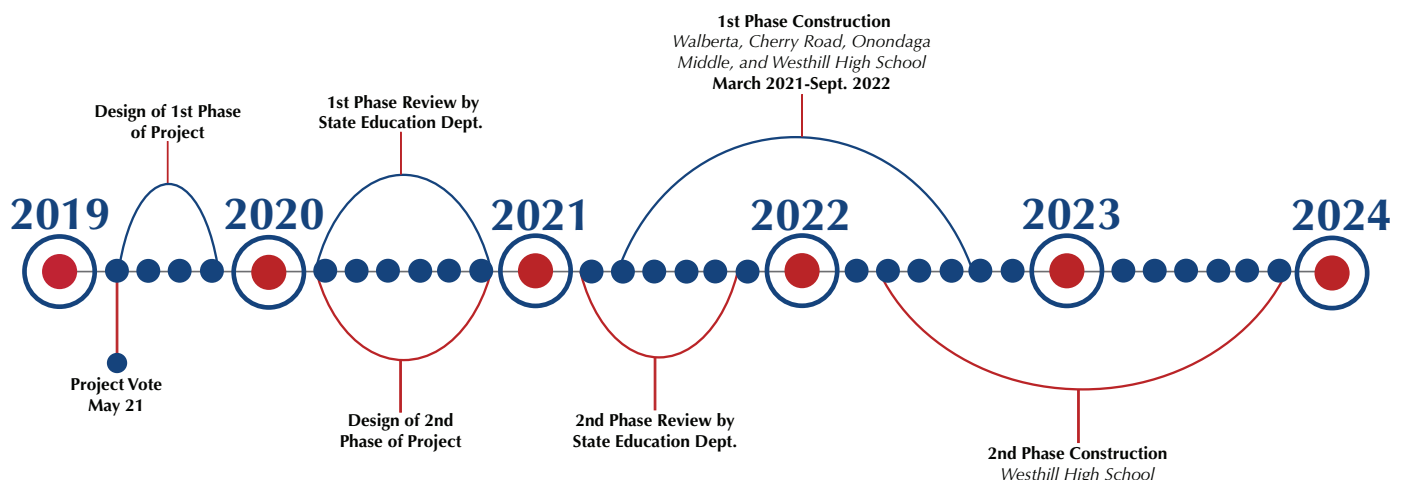
Cherry Road Elementary

- Front Entrance Reconfiguration and Security Upgrades
- Stage Renovation
- 2nd Floor Classrooms Renovations (1924 Wing)
- 6 Classrooms Cubbies and Flooring Replacement
- Flooring Refinishes
- New Window Shadings
- Kitchen Renovation
- Concrete Ramp, Stairs, and Railing System Replacement
- Masonry Restoration / Brick Re-Pointing
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Fire Alarm Upgrades

Walberta Park Elementary

- Main Entrance Security Upgrades
- Northeast Parent Entrance Renovation
- Exterior Soffits Refinish/Replacement
- Cafeteria and Gymnasium Acoustic Upgrades
- Emergency Lighting Upgrades
- Fire Alarm Upgrades

Project Timeline



District News

Project Financials At A Glance

<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>New York State Building Aid</u>	<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Impact Per \$1,000</u>
\$20,183,700	85.2%	\$1,000,000	\$0.4370

If the capital project referendum is approved, the estimated annual cost for a homeowner in the district would be \$43.70 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The district is utilizing \$1 million from our capital reserve fund to reduce the local share. We anticipate receiving State building aid on 98% of the total cost of the project, a very high percentage for a capital project.

Thank You for Supporting Phase 1 Renovations



District News

What our students are saying about their improved learning environments...

- “Benches and white boards in the corridors allow for learning outside of the classroom and create a welcoming feeling in the hallways.”
- “The collaborative culture is a lot more prevalent than before, and is very inviting to new ideas and different ways of doing things in the classroom.”
- “It’s a fun change of pace to use than just the same old loose leaf for notes about a discussion. It can also be used for a variety of things like debates, experiments or even just doodling.”
- “We are able to share thoughts and ideas with other classmates.”
- “I believe that they allow students to work well outside/inside the classroom, as well as give students a chance to express themselves and their ideas.”
- “Encourages more group learning.”



Cherry Road Elementary 2nd Floor Classroom - Proposed for Renovation



Current High School Library (Proposed for Renovation / Reconfiguration)



Onondaga Middle School - Proposed for Site Enhancements



Onondaga Middle School - Proposed for Security Upgrades

Westhill High School

National Merit Finalist

WHS is proud to announce that senior, David McPeak, has been named finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. David was selected from a group of 17,000 students from across the country who were named semifinalists in the fall of 2018. As a finalist, David is now eligible to receive scholarship offers through the College Board's National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Those offers will be announced this spring. David is a member of Westhill's National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He was a member the state champion soccer team. In addition to soccer, he plays basketball and baseball. David is undecided as to where he wants to go for college, but wants to study business and possibly actuarial science. Congratulations, David!



NTHS Induction

Nine WHS were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. These students are recognized for their outstanding achievement and dedication to their respective technical education program. Students received a certificate of membership along with honor cords, which they will wear at our graduation ceremony in June. Pictured are: Madison Schoonmaker- Cosmetology, Ester Ososkalo- Lab Technician, Laura Avery- Cosmetology, Thomas McCloat, and Mohammad Amer- Lab Technician, Walker Blossey- Physical Therapy, Stephanie Wheeler- Health Occupations. Not pictured Bianca Brown and Anthony Case- Medical Professions



Academic Decathlon

Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team on their second place finish at the State competition in Brockport, NY. Academic Decathlon offers students the opportunity to compete with other schools in ten academic events based on a common theme. Students compete in seven multiple-choice exams in different subject areas, write an essay, participate in an interview and deliver a speech. This year's events explored the 1960s, and the students experienced success both individually and as a team. Winning individual medals were; Jake Czaplicki, Mackenzie Moran, Paige Agostini, Margaret Hunt, Josiah Miggiani, Will Remillard, Annie Fitzgerald, Mark Vaughn, Victoria Smolen and Andrea Vigliotti. Jake Czaplicki was also honored with the Trevor Cook Spirit Award, which is awarded to the state participant who best demonstrates outstanding leadership, dedication and overall good character. Congratulations to the entire team on a successful competition.



Westhill High School

Diversity Day

On March 21, Westhill High School held its second annual "Diversity Day." In an effort to support an inclusive community, our students and staff participated in a variety of workshops to learn about other cultures, discuss gender and mental health issues, learn about the differently abled, make sandwiches for the homeless and listened to stories shared by our local refugees!

The day kicked off with keynote speaker, Tim Conners, who shared his inspiring story about perseverance as a survivor of leukemia. Although Tim's cancer caused blindness, he still managed to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. His unique perspective motivated students to think about the importance of overcoming barriers, taking control of their lives and building community.

It was a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the diverse people and experiences that enrich Onondaga County. We would like to thank the Westhill Education Foundation for making this day possible! Please see the list of our visitors below:

Positive Energy Program
The Art of Native American Lacrosse
Griot Storyteller; Vanessa Johnson
Ophelia's Place

Wacheva; African Drumming
Q Center
Indian Dance; Syracuse University
Provisions Bakery

Capeoria- Brazilian Afro-Martial Arts
RISE Refugee Resettlement
We Rise Above The Streets
Gigi's Playhouse



Sandwich Saturday

On March 23, the faculty, staff and students throughout the Westhill Central School District donated their time to volunteer at Lincoln Middle school for Al-Amin Muhammad's "Sandwich Saturdays". After bagging hundreds of lunches for the homeless and working poor, the group then participated in distributing them under the Dickerson Street bridge. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this event such a huge success. As Muhammad always says, "We rise above the streets: If we eat, they eat!" Interested in volunteering or donating supplies? "We Rise Above the Streets" meets every Saturday at 10:00 am at Lincoln Middle School, no sign up is required. All ages welcome. Please visit the following to learn more: weriseabovethestreets.org and to stay updated on events please follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/weriseabovethestreetsrecoveryoutreachinc/>.



Westhill High School

Warriors of the Month

9th Grade: Liam Mahar is a very positive person. He is always the first to raise his hand in class and always works well with others. He exemplifies the P2 Characteristics for the month of March, specifically love of learning, fairness and humor. Liam self advocates and is very responsible.

10th Grade: Madison Thomas exemplifies the “Other People Matter” mindset movement everyday. She is a dedicated student who cares for the wellbeing of others around her. She always has a smile on her face and is never scared of a new challenge in the classroom.

11th Grade: Sayo Ajagbe truly cares about his peers. He will stop and say hello to students and staff in the hallway and constantly puts others before himself. Sayo’s respect for all truly shines each day and he truly exemplifies what it means to be a Westhill Warrior. He is a true leader in the building and consistently leads by example.

12th Grade: Quinn Etoll truly demonstrates the “Other People Matter” mindset each day. She went out of her way to help a new student navigate and feel welcome in our building. In addition, Quinn does the morning announcements and kicks the whole day off with positive energy. Quinn truly demonstrates the P2 characteristics of kindness, leadership and teamwork.



Spanish National Honor Society

On March 28, the Spanish National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony of the junior class. The juniors were sworn in, promising to devote themselves to the study of language with the knowledge that it creates ties between cultures, promotes understanding and will enrich their future as global citizens. The senior members of SNHS ran the entire ceremony in Spanish with a small reception at the end. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



FBLA Travels to NYC

On Friday, March 15, members of the high school FBLA club visited New York City. They participated in a “Retail 101 Marketing” Macy’s tour where they visited various departments of the store and learned some of their marketing concepts. The students then went to Madison Square Garden where they received a tour of the entire venue including the suites and the Hulu theater.



WHS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 3

Grade 12

Abraham, Lennah
 Amer, Mohammad Nasser
 Antonacci, Jacqueline Taylor
 Argentieri, Camille Ann
 Avery, Laura Elizabeth
 Bistrovich, Justin Patrick
 Blossy, Walker Cole
 Britt, Meghan Dwyer
 Brown, Bianca Tiara Adriana
 Caloia, Dino Joseph
 Caron, Kevin Jacob
 Case, Anthony James
 Cassidy, Ariel
 Chaddock, Thomas Henry
 Coates, Benjamin Phillips
 Coman, Patrick Thomas
 Coolican, Haylei Marybeth
 Crisostomo, Ryan Alexander
 Culligan, Noah Gerald
 Cunningham, Elana Zonea'
 Daigneau, Elena Lorene
 Dashley, Samuel Logan
 Dhamoon, Jaideep S.
 Edgar, Abigail Jean
 Etoll, Chatarina Quinn
 Etoll, Mack Joseph
 Gentile, Madison Christi
 Graves, Sydney Lee-Ann
 Harrison, Xander Holden
 Hart, Sydney Meris
 Heinrich, Brigid Walsh
 Hofmann, Alyssa Marie
 Howard Jr, Thomas Edward
 Hurteau, Claire Xiao Yan
 Hynes, Zoe Marie
 Kane, Jessica Joan
 Kelly, Quinn Conall
 King, Nathan Howard
 Krahling, Caitlyn Victoria
 Lougen, Danielle Andrea
 MacCaull, Kendra Marie
 Martin, Mackenzie Maureen
 McGrath, Michael Brian
 McPeak, David Joseph
 Miller, Caroline Ann
 Morrissey, Brian Donald
 Nowicki, Madelyn Savannah
 Olesh, Yuliya
 Rabozzi, Emma Elizabeth
 Rey, Nico Carmine
 Rey, Olivia Margaret
 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
 Strelec, Noah Francis
 Thabet, Ahlam
 Thabet, Ali Nagib
 Walker, Ryan Halliday
 Wheeler, Stephanie Alexandria
 Wiezalis, Ashley Elizabeth

Grade 11

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo
 Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo
 Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth
 Bistrovich, Nikolas John
 Bogan, Phillip Mason
 Bradley, Jackson Thomas
 Bryant, Rusden Patrick
 Coman, Thomas Kevin
 Cronin, Abigail Lynn
 Cundall, Geoffrey Robert F.
 Daniul, Jacob Rae
 Davis, William Demperio,
 Dominic Jacob
 Derrick, Chelsea Lynn
 Domanski, Alyssa Rose
 Ferrara, Michael Patrick
 Fountain, Spencer Francis
 Fricano, Jacob Steven
 Fricano, Nathan Lawrence
 Frost, Sophia Ilene
 Galante, Sara Marie
 Geer, Reilly Erwin
 Gere, Jenna
 Gilhooley, Rebecca Sue
 Grabda, Christopher
 Heffernan, Ashley Nicole
 Helfeld, Benjamin L.
 Hubert, Anne Martha
 Hunt, Margaret Fitzgi
 Kelly, Kevin Allen
 Kessler, Elizabeth Anne
 Kinney, Garvin Thomas
 Knapp, Jack William
 Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn
 Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob
 Lesselroth, Grace Ann
 Lyons, Allison Mary
 MacBain, Scott Matthew
 MacCollum, Zachary James

Mannion, Quinn Patricia
 McIntyre, Caitlyn Kirkpatrick
 McMahon, Grace Helen
 McQueeney, Aline Nicole
 Miggiani, Josiah Ethan
 Mitchell, Jonathan Fitzpatrick
 O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel
 O'Reilly, Emily Brennon
 Patrie, Shawn Michael
 Peck, Colton Skyler
 Puglisi, Kyle Bernard
 Remillard, Will Clemo
 Richmond, Kaley Ann
 Ricks, Janae Michelle
 Rolince, Ryan Charles
 Rudnick, Ciarra Michelle
 Satalin, Meghan Teresa
 Savage, Michael Patrick
 Schwartz, Sarah Catherine
 Sexton, Brianna Odell
 Sheridan, Hannah Riley
 Sheridan, Sarah Mae
 Stamey, Thomas Robert
 Sullivan, Molly Grace
 Thayer, Christopher Gerald
 Turner, Sydney Carroll
 Vaughan, Katherine Mary
 Wheelden, Madelyn Elizabeth

Grade 10

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth
 Ascioti, Cali Mae
 Banga, Harshdeep Singh
 Bealer, Madison Jean
 Bergett, Luke Jeffrey
 Blossy, Emma Margaret
 Bobbett, Jack Stewart
 Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen
 Britt, Michael Philip
 Caron, Sophia Terese
 Centore, Henry Joseph
 Clayton, Kyle Thomas
 Cote, Mary Lily
 Curley, Raeann Brooke
 D'Agostino, Hannah Grace
 Delano, William Carl
 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
 McPeak, Katherine Anne
 Mechowski, Emma Kelly
 Niezabytowski, Cameron
 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
 Speicher, Cael
 Stack, Sean Maxwell
 Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
 Thomas, Madison Alexis
 VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey
 Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
 Walker, Colin Patrick
 Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly
 Wilsch, Mairead Norine
 Wisner, Taryn Anne
 Yeates, Jack William
 Zawadzki, Jake Evan

Grade 9

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

WHS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 3

Grade 9 cont'd

Dubaniewicz, Alexandra
Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
Elias, Angelina Rose
Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
Fountain, Kendall Marie
Gangemi, Emily Jo
Gorman, Emma Kathryn
Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
Greeson, Benjamin Robert
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Herrera, Mia Pilar
Hunter, Claire Terese

Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony
Kirkby Jr., Rodney
Knoll, Charles James
LaFex, Nicholas
Loose, Cassidy Rae
Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth
MacCaul, 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
Moore, Anthony
Mulholland, Brandon
O'Connell, Gracelyn
Ostuni, Jordyn Rae
Patrie, Colleen Theresa
Pelsue, Matthew Thomas
Pens, Quinn Maria
Phillips, Robert

Rewakowski, Noah Daniel
Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph
Russell, Julia Marie
Sampo, Isabella Grace
Satalin, John Ryan
Starowicz, Hannah Louise
Thabet, Amin
Thomas, Ben Sener
Thornton, Bridget Ann
Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn
Townsend, Michael David
Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth
Winkler, Grace Breason

Annual Crepe Sale

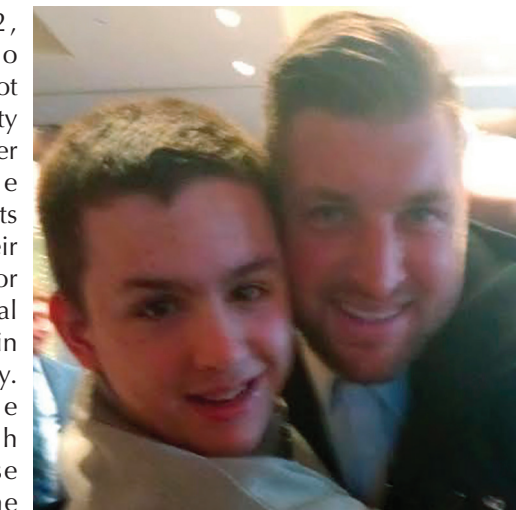
By Margaret Hunt

On Friday March 8, Westhill High School French Club prepared and sold traditional French crêpes for all grade levels in the cafeteria. With a variety of French toppings, students could choose from a array of ingredients while French Club members cooked and served the French "pancake". The sale was a great success for the French Club raising money and for Westhill students to experience a taste of French culture! Merci for your support!



Author Visits WHS

On March 27, the high school welcomed author, Brendan Kiely. Mr. Kiely is the awarding-winning author of four young adult books including *All American Boys* and *Tradition*. Mr. Kiely's novels emphasize the importance of listening to those who have been silenced, and his engaging, compelling presentations to students emphasized the need to have a "listening heart." Following separate presentations to freshmen/sophomores and juniors/seniors and a student-author luncheon, student writers were invited to a Writer's Workshop with the author. Mr. Kiely described his writing process, offered advice and answered students' questions. This full-day author visit was funded by a Westhill Educational Foundation Grant, which also helped support an evening lecture by Mr. Kiely at West Genesee High School that was open to the entire community. Many thanks to the Foundation for their continued support of enriching opportunities for our students.



WHS Student Meets Tim Tebow

On April 2, 2019, Niko Georgiadis got the opportunity to have dinner with the Syracuse Mets as part of their preparation for their inaugural season here in the Salt City. As a huge fan of both the Syracuse Mets and the Florida Gators,

it meant even more that he was able to get his photograph taken with Tim Tebow, current Syracuse Mets player and former Heisman trophy winner and quarterback for the Gators.



Westhill High School

Chemistry Classes Visit CRS

On April 2, Mr. Maimone's chemistry classes visited fourth grade classes at Cherry Road to complete science experiments and demonstrations. Concepts included nuclear fission, exothermic reactions and types of bonding. This annual field trip helps to foster an interest in science and show just how much fun learning can be.



Engineering Day 2019

On March 29, students in Mr. Maimone's chemistry class interested in STEAM careers and education visited Lockheed Martin for their Engineering Day 2019. The students toured the facility, attended a mini job fair, participated in mock interviews with STEAM professionals and competed in a series of problem-solving contests including tower building and egg drops.



Belgian Exchange Student Returns

Carolyn Tetley, a senior in the French program, arrived home on March 23, gushing with stories of her fantastic experiences in Brussels, Belgium. She started in Paris and then spent seven weeks living with her host family and going to school with her Belgian "sister", Laurane. Laurane spent eight weeks here in Syracuse with Carolyn earlier this year. Carolyn's French skills have improved immensely and, although happy to be home, she misses her Belgian life. She says, "It was like a dream that I didn't want to wake up from!" This program is open to current freshman and sophomore French students who would be traveling in August of 2020. What an amazing way to experience another culture, learn a language and expand your horizons! Please contact Mme Amerault or M. Zimmerman if you are interested in participating.



Winter Scholar Athletes

This winter, four of our varsity teams earned the distinction of being named NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams. Boys' and girls' basketball and boys' and girls' indoor track and field were honored this winter with this award. The NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award is assessed at the end of each season and honors those teams that excel in the classroom. A Scholar Athlete Team is defined as a team whose GPA (from at least 75% of the roster) is greater than or equal to 90%. Along with our four varsity teams achieving this high standard, sixty-eight of our winter varsity student athletes received the NYSPHSA Scholar Athlete Award. These athletes all completed the winter season with a 90% grade point average or greater.

Westhill High & Onondaga Hill Middle Schools

Hockey Wins State Title

On Sunday, March 10, the combined Syracuse Cougars hockey team beat Suffern High School to earn their first ever New York State Championship. First year head coach, Neal Purcell (Westhill Class of 2008), and his assistant coach and father, John Purcell, led the team to an overall record of 24-1-1. The team is made up of students from Corcoran, Henninger, Syracuse IT, Nottingham, Fowler, LaFayette, Marcellus Onondaga Central and Westhill. Westhill had seven players on the team this year, which included Andrew Corning, Philip Zollo, CJ Malone, Mack Etoll and Jack Grooms, Ryan Durand and Ethan Petty.



Milham Recognized by CNY National Football Foundation

On January 27 at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, the Central New York Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honored senior, Brandon Milham. Brandon, a team captain, middle linebacker and offensive guard for the Warriors, was awarded a \$500 scholarship for his academic and athletic accomplishments throughout his football career. Congratulations, Brandon!



Spanish Spelling Bee

Profesora Maglente had her annual Spanish Spelling Bee in March this year for her 8th graders. Approximately 110 students took a written test of 20 Spanish words. The top 10 students then went on to round two during IA. Students had to spell Spanish words out loud using the Spanish alphabet with the correct pronunciations of the letters. They even had to know where accents belonged. It was a tough competition but the group was finally narrowed down to 3 students. Third place winner was Sean "Carlito" Rogers, second place winner was Maggie "Margarita" Lubel and first place was awarded to Mackenzie "Angela" Heise. Everyone all did a wonderful job and also had a fun time participating. The winners received a Spanish certificate and a gift card to Five Below. ¡Felicidades a mis estudiantes! ¡Impresionante!



Dinner with the Author Event

On May 23 at the Onondaga Free Library in the Community Room beginning at 6:00 pm, OHMS is sponsoring a Dinner with the Author Event, where students will have the opportunity to have dinner with our visiting author, John David Anderson. We ask that only one parent attends per child in order to accommodate as many readers as possible. If you're interested in attending, please email Penny Feeney at pfeeney@westhillschools.org. Spots will be limited so sign up today. Reservations will be confirmed by May 17th.

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Math Team

Congratulations to the OHMS Math Team who competed in their final meet at Tully Jr/Sr High on March 5th. The team ranked 5th out of 18 schools. A special congratulations goes to 7th grader, Cade Caloia, who took 3rd place in the individual competition. Good job team! Pictured are Sean Stephenson, Nicoletta Scrimale, Cade Caloia, Sydney Bistrovitch and Charlotte Roth.



History Comes Alive

Sixth graders, Emma Gorman and Morgan Heise, were proud to lead celebrations of the Chinese New Year by educating their classes about traditional Chinese customs. This introduction to Chinese culture kick started a research project in which students identified ancient Chinese inventions that have greatly influenced the modern world, such as toothbrushes, ink, kites, gunpowder, crossbows, paper currency, dominos and many more. Emma and Morgan's enthusiasm of individuality was a great reminder to others to be proud of whom you are!



Cultural Presentation

Eighth graders, Karly "María" Dillabough and Kalista "Liliana" Czaplicki, shared their knowledge on the country of Italy to their classmates. They spoke about many topics, including the Italian flag and it's meaning, the government and famous landmarks such as the Colosseum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The students also had the opportunity to eat Italian Ice. ¡Qué sabroso! Grazie! Thanks Karly and Kalista!



March Madness at OHMS

Monday, March 18 was Selection Monday at OHMS. Homerooms once again selected a team participating in the NCAA tournament and got into the spirit of March Madness with our annual Door Decorating Contest. Students and staff really went all out this year with creativity, originality and hard work. We were so impressed by the many P2 character traits that we saw in action as classes worked together. There were sound effects, lighting and unique handmade props. Everyone had fun and did an amazing job!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

The Periodic Table of Element Turns 150

March of 2019 marked the 150th anniversary of the Periodic Table of the Elements created by Russian chemist, Dmitri Mendeleev. To commemorate this significant scientific masterpiece, Mrs. Derrenbacher's Science 8 students participated in an annual Element PBL...with a twist.

This year's project was entitled, "Extreme Makeover...Classroom Edition." Students were charged with not only choosing, researching and presenting an element, they also painted the Periodic Table ON THE CEILING! Each student designed a ceiling tile with the atomic number and mass along with an illustration representing their element. We now have a nearly completed periodic table on the ceiling in Room E2 at OHMS. A huge thank you to Mr. Woods for all of his help. We couldn't have done it without you.

Commanding Space

Have you ever heard of American computer scientist Annie Easley? On March 7, the students at OHMS had the opportunity to take a step back in time as they watched the Syracuse Stage Backstory production, *Commanding Space* - The Rise of Annie Easley and the Centaur Rocket. Annie Easley was a young African woman who worked to break gender and color boundaries while excelling for thirty-four years at NASA. She was a ground breaking rocket scientist, mathematician and computer engineer who worked on the Centaur rocket project and early versions of batteries for hybrid vehicles. After each performance, there was a question and answer session. This awesome learning experience was supported through the Westhill Educational Foundation Grant Other People Matter: Engaging Westhill Students with Our Diverse Community.



Hairspray, Jr.

On March 29 and 30, seventh and eighth grade students from OHMS presented four performances of *Hairspray, Jr.* There was a special Friday morning show for OHMS students and staff, along with three nearly sold out performances for the public.

Our production included a talented cast of eighty-five and a dedicated crew of seventeen, along with technical assistance from WHS students. The show would not have possible without the unending support from OHMS parents. Thank you to all for an outstanding production!



OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 3

Grade 8 High Honor

Abdelfatah, Gisele
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore
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 Anaïs
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine
Donadio, Alexandra
Feliu, Kaelin Grace
Gilhooley, Rachel Louise
Gilmartin, Luke
Gonnella, Olivia
Goode, Aidan William
Graf, Simon Michael
Heise, Mackenzie Grace
Holowinski, Olivia Marie
Horner, Lizzie
Hynes, Lee Michael
Kelly, McKenna Eileen
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica Marie
LoFaro, Nicole
Lowery, Adelaide Margaret
Lubel, Margaret Anna
Markham, Iris Mary
McKeon, Madison Rose
McQueeney, Lia Clare
Nicoll, Baillie
Nowicki, Justin Jacob
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
Rogers, Sean Patrick
Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth
Rosenberger, Anna Kerr
Roth, Charlotte
Ryan, Aidan Christopher
Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose
Snyder, Mary Katherine
Starowicz, Emmet
Stephenson, Sean Michael
Stiner, Lucas Marcos
Taber, Bradyn Shea
Thabet, Ilham
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney Jean
Ward, Chloe Elizabeth
Young, Devin Thomas

Grade 8 Honor

Angell, Jane Marie
Antoine, Olivia Maive
BenYehuda, Ella
Bryant, Keegan Michael
Carter, Ashley Knobel
Carter, Brooke Kelly
Centore, Ian Matthew
Cominolli, Nathaniel
Conley, Shannon Marie
Cottrell, Abigail Mae
Cowin, Alexander
Crosier, Adrianna Nicole
Curtis, Julian
Czaplicki, Kalista Jane
DeFabbio, Michael
Delay, Kieran Michael
Delia, George
Derrick, James Robert
Dillabough, Karly
Donegan, Ryan Flaherty
Donnelly, Nathan Patrick
Dwyer, Megan
Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy
Greeley, Emily Nicole
Hemingway, Starlene
Houck, Natalia
Kerr, Aiden Jay
Kimball, Joseph Paul
Militello, Samuel
Militi, Vittoria
Naughton, Ryan
Ortiz, Manuel
Osorio, Anthony
Pagano, Anthony Christopher
Popp, Abigail
Rizzo, Alaina Marie
Roesch, Teresa
Savage, Luke James
Schiffer, Adrianna
Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth
Sisson, Caitlin Kelly
Sondej, Andrew
Stewart, Sincere Jamir
Terrinoni, Natalie Marie
Trzonkowski, Mark Joseph
Valenza, Zachary Daniel

Grade 7 High Honor

Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Ayesha
Battista, Megan Elizabeth
Borne, Gavin Reed
Caloia, Cade Anthony
DeMore, Charles

Deno, Peyton James
DeSanto, Emma
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Gray, Gracelyn
Gross, Adriana Jane
Herrera, Elle Madison
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Knohl, Caitlyn Frances
Knohl, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Lancette, Alison Taylor
MacLachlan, Nathan Willard
Mahar, Owen Michael
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth
O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Pens, Grady Alwyn
Plochocki, Alexander
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stiner, Mia Stephanie
Stiner, William Patrick
Suddaby, Jackson William
Terek, Julianna Marie
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
Van Epps, Jack Brendan
Zollo, Lauren Marie

Grade 7 Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle
Altheblah, Hasan
Amorese, Vincent Stefan
Campanella, Jack Salvatore
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Cassoni, Allyssa
Clarry, Adam
Cognato, Nina Grace
Craven, Ryley
Dimovski, Sofia Maria
Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Evans, Rachel Maffei
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Finnerty II, Sean P.
Hogan, Jameson Patrick

OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 3

Grade 7 Honor Continued

Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kleberg, Elena Rose
Kohanski, Morgan Emily
Korrie, Alexa
Kurgan, Michael Albert
Lasher, Ava Mary
Leonardo, Isabel Christine
Lopez, Cameron James
Madigan III, Michael Francis
Mahoney, Rosemary
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
Medeiros Jr., Steven John
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nojaim, Carlos Daniel
Paetow, Emma
Pettiford, Ni'Jhay Nichelle
Phillips, Marissa Anne
Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth
Rogers, Kathleen Margaret
Sanborn, Kemery Elizabeth
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Sherwood, Ryan Matthew
Smyth, Shay Thomas
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spencer, Taylor Anna
Spinner, Tae'Jin
Stanton, Jane Catherine
Taylor, Veronica
Thomas, A'my Uday
Thornton, Ellie Grace
White, Azaria
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen
Young, Isabel

Young, Liliana
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph
Zema, Rose Marie

Grade 6 High Honor

Abedrabbah, Razan
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille Mae
Antoine, Ava
Baty, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
Cowin, Timothy
Detor, Claire Ann
Dorfman, Molly Claire
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
Ferrer-Menendez, Emma Lira
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Goldman, Adyson
Goral, Mya
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Henese, Luke
Holowski, Aubrey
Jetter, Siena
Kelly, Caleigh Grace
Khairallah, Jessica Joyce
Kimball, Lauren
Klamm, Jeremiah James
MacBain, Sydney
Mathews, Camryn Jaye

Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
Pawelczyk, Ashley
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Ramsing, Cadence Marie
Rienhardt, Emily
Rose, Conor James
Rosenberger, Kara
Scheel, Nicholas
Sipley, Helena Eve
Sisack, Emlyn
Stanton, Laura Rose
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Thabet, Ramzi
Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 6 Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Abraham, Sarah
Adams, Alexandra Malaya
Agle, Lucas
Balduzzi, Emily
Bleskoski, Jordin Beth
Bova, Michael James
Cecile, Annabella
Clayton, Brody
DeLine, William
Donegan, Sophia
Finnegan, Sophia
Fry, Megan
Gedney, Ellianna Kathleen
Glatt, Cameron Joseph

Glover, Michael
Goral, Kaylee Ann
Gorman, Emma
Gregory, Chyla
Griffin, Maxwell Sean
Hayes V, Robert
Heise, Morgan Lindsay
Herring, Quinn
Joyce, Camaryn
Juman, Eli Stuart
LaReau, Abigail
Macko, Jacob
Maxwell, Jayde Mika
Medeiros, Sydney
Moro, Breyanna Nicole
Murphy, Jonathan
O'Hern, Keller
Olesh, Daniel
Pease, Jack Ryan
Pirong, Joseph Michael
Robinson, Omar
Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria
Roesch, Elizabeth Rose
Rumschik, Cecilia Rose
Scanlon, William
Shenfeld, Zoey Lynn
Sheridan, Riley
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Shirley, Sydney
Sierra, Namine Sarahembla
Swierk, Ryan Francis
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Sabri
Valenti, Roman Paul
Vashchishin, Anna
White, Collin Patrick

Belgian Pen Pals

Recently, our French students received "snail mail" from our pen pals in Belgium. OHMS is lucky to have partnered with Athénée Royal de Visé in Liège. There was great excitement as our students read the letters from their new pals. We learned so much about their culture, food preferences, music styles and the different type of binders and paper that they use write in school every day. As a result of this great excitement, our students wrote back to our 50 plus students in Belgium and sent them along a plethora of sweets and treats, ranging from our ever loving Twinkies to onion rings. We can't wait to hear back from our Pals to see what they thought of our letters and treats. Stay tuned!



Onondaga Hill Middle & Cherry Road Schools

Students of the Month

January

5th Grade: Braelyn Turner is kind and caring to her classmates and her teachers. She enjoys learning and goes above and beyond in the classroom to do her very best. She is involved in many school activities, handles her responsibilities maturely and approaches things with enthusiasm.

6th Grade: Abdel Aboushanab is one of a kind. Everyday he walks in with the biggest smile on his face that is contagious throughout the entire building. He is hard working, uplifting and has a great sense of humor.

7th Grade: Alison Lancette is a hard working and responsible student. She is kind to others and goes out of her way to make sure her classmates understand what is going on in the classroom. She is sweet and caring.

8th Grade: Anthony Osorio is respectful, kind and very hardworking. He is always diligent with his work and cares for others.



February

5th Grade: Sultan Alogaily is kind, hard working and takes the time to ask about your day. He advocates for himself in the classroom when he needs clarification. Sultan is a valued member of his class.

6th Grade: Jocelyn Caputo is friendly, respectful and helpful to all of her classmates. Jocelyn always tries her best and goes over and beyond in all she does. She is the epitome of P2 and #OtherPeopleMatter.

7th Grade: Grace Enriquez is a good student who works hard in the classroom. She is kind to others and respectful to her teachers and peers.

8th Grade: Anna Rosenberger looks for opportunities to be involved and creative and uses those talents often in French class. She's a positive role model to her peers and words diligently.



Music Class Research

Fourth graders in Mrs. Colaluca's music class "Come Together" to research songs by The Beatles.



Onondaga Hill Middle & Cherry Road Schools

Pet Partners Therapy at OHMS & CRS

Exciting things are happening at OHMS. We have recently begun working with Pet Partners to incorporate visits each week with our school therapy dog, Carson. Carson is an 8 year old Otterhound who loves playing outside, walks and visiting with students. Pet Partners is a local fully insured volunteer program that has a high standard when registering therapy animal teams to ensure both a safe and effective visit. Welcome, Carson!



Third and fourth graders had a visit from a lovable beagle from the Pet Partners Therapy program. As you can see, it was a big hit!



Cheering the Success of Others

Mrs. Looten's class had a video conference with a first grade class in Loreda, Texas. This was a wonderful example of our Positivity Project focus on Cheering the Success of Others (part of the Other People Matter mindset). The class successfully cheered for the other class as well as themselves. It was a successful connection and they did an amazing job reading to the students in Texas.



OFL Visits CRS

Mrs. Maggie Gall from Onondaga Free Library came to Cherry Road and brought some fun surprises with her! Students in Mr. Mace's, Ms. Torell's and Mrs. Prior's class were able to use some of the maker materials designed to increase student STEM knowledge. Students designed mazes for robotic mice, create pathways for ozobots and much more. These materials are available for use in the public library when a children's librarian is available, just ask at the front desk.



Cherry Road & Walberta Park Schools

Second Graders Learn About Erosion

Second graders are learning about soil and erosion in science. Each team of student engineers had their own plot of land. They worked to test certain barriers to see how well they helped to absorb the water. This took teamwork, creativity and self-control.



Sensory Movement Stations

The research connecting movement to improved attention and focus within the classroom is overwhelming! That being said, it is important that our students' "movement needs" are being met throughout their day. Walberta Park's Occupational Therapist, Lindsay Priest, has recently decorated the school's hallways with "sensory movement stations". These stations allow students to release energy, calm their bodies and check in with how they are feeling. All of these opportunities promote our students' self-regulation skills. Through the use of visuals, stations such as these provide a structured and routine movement break for all students to utilize as they are in the halls.



John Farrell Visits WPS

Singer/songwriter, John Farrell, recently visited Walberta Park. During his visit with the kindergarten classes, he reviewed weather vocabulary and helped the students write a song about weather. By the day's end, he had written down the lyrics and recorded the song to share with the classes. It was a motivating musical experience!



Kate Thornton Visits WPS

Kindergartners have been studying weather and hoped to share their knowledge with an expert in the field. News channel 9 meteorologist, Kate Thornton, came in to give them the opportunity to share what they know. She also shared weather safety tips and taught the students how to read weather maps for clues of wind speeds, precipitation and temperature.



District News

PWP Writing Contest

As part of this year's Paint Westvale Purple event, Westhill students were invited to participate in a writing contest. Students could advocate for a charity that they would like to receive a portion of the race proceeds. 184 students participated K-12, and one individual entry was chosen from each school. In addition, one class entry was chosen from Walberta Park. Winning entries were written by:

Ms. Klee's kindergarten class, on behalf of Misfits Animal Sanctuary and Rescue

Elliot Kalinowski, on behalf of the ALS Association

Zoe Zuckerman, on behalf of the American Cancer Society

Iris Markham, on behalf of the Susan B. Komen Foundation

Jenna Gere, on behalf of Donate Life America

Congratulations to these students, and thanks to all who participated! For more information on the race, or to volunteer or register, please visit pwp5krun.com.



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.

Official School Calendar 2019 - 2020

Westhill Central School District

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Westhill District News

Announcing New Text Messaging Service for Parents and Guardians

Would you like to receive a text notification regarding a school delay or school closing?

The Westhill Central School District will be offering a new Text Messaging service. This service provides a means for you to receive a text message on your phone should there be a school delay, school closing or other important information.

How do I participate in the Text Messaging service?

Activation Day: May 17, 2019, starting at 4:00pm you can participate by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

What if I change my mind and I wish to no longer to receive text messages from the district?

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

Will there be future announcements and information?

Yes, in addition to this announcement, we will send an additional announcement at a later date using our notification System School Messenger.
