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New York State Champions

What every high school athlete dreams about became a reality for two Westhill teams this fall. The girls' volleyball team and the boys' soccer team both reached their goal of becoming New York State Champions.

The girls' volleyball team goes down in history this fall as the first volleyball team to earn Westhill a State title. On November 18, the girls' finished their undefeated season with a win over reigning State Champion, Owego High School. The Westhill volleyball team also earned the Sportsmanship Award for the State tournament. Rounding out their volleyball careers and leading the Warriors were seniors Montanna Gedney, Mackenzie Martin, Brigid Heinrich, Emma Shampine and Aubrey Thomson. Westhill was also led by freshman, Kate Heinrich and Gracelyn O'Connell; sophomores Morgan Richardson and Katie Culligan and juniors Sara Galante, Jillian Wicks, Jacob Daniul, Megan Redmond, Sarah Schwartz and Gianna Militi.



On November 11, the Westhill boys' soccer team earned their first State Championship in 26 years with a 1-0 win over Briarcliff. This was the boys' third trip to the State Championships in as many years. The boys' finished their season with an 18-3-1 overall record. There were seventeen seniors on this team that have been working for a New York State championship their entire high school careers. Those seniors include Liam Robb, Charlie Bolesh, Kevin Caron, Patrick Coman, David McPeak, Mack Etoll, Philip Zollo, Nick Rosati, Adam Herne, Braden Krzykowski, Nate King, Adam Robinson, Ryan Bennett, Reilly

Sizing, Justin Ristoff, DJ Caloia and Jack Grooms. The team also included Bo BenYehuda, Will Delano, Phillip Bogan, Eamon McPeak, Andrew Centore, Rusden Bryant, Thomas Coman, Kyle Puglisi, Dominic Demperio, Ryan Rolince, Kwinn Caputo, Griffin Grooms, Caleb Heagerty and Jackson Powers.

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes on their outstanding successes and thank you for working hard on making your dreams become reality!

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Boys' Cross-Country

The Westhill boys' cross-country team finished second to Saranac Lake in the boys' "Class C" cross-country State championships hosted by Section XI in Sunken Meadows. This is the best finish for the boys since 2005. The boys led the pack with senior runners Dan Washburn, Brendan Rewakowski and Jacob Roberts; juniors Mike Ferrara, Jacob Fricano and Will Thornton and sophomore Angelo Carr.



Warriors Sign Letters of Intent

During the month of November, nine standout Westhill athletes signed their National Letters of Intent to participate in Division I and II collegiate athletics. On November 15, Charlie Bolesh signed with the University of Tampa to play lacrosse, Ben Coates signed to play baseball at Canisius College while Philip Zollo will be attending Le Moyne college where he will play baseball. Ryan Bennett will continue his baseball career at the College of St. Rose and Jack Grooms signed with the Statesmen of Hobart College where he will play lacrosse.



Kendra MacCaull, Caroline Miller and Camille Argentieri will all continue their lacrosse careers at the Division I level. Kendra will be attending Virginia Tech, Caroline will play for the Bucknell Bison and Camille will be heading to the University of Vermont. To round out the list of our phenomenal athletes, Mackenzie Martin will continue her basketball career at Fairfield University in Connecticut. Congratulations everyone on your successes in the classroom and on the athletic fields!

Fall 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 fall, Westhill had eight out of our nine varsity teams earning the team honor. Scholar athlete teams include boys' golf, girls' cross country, volleyball, girls' tennis, boys' cross country, girls' soccer, boys' soccer and girls' swimming. We had 159 varsity athletes participating in the fall sports program. Out of this 159, 95 earned a 90% or greater average for the 1st quarter.

Our student athletes achieved this great accomplishment all while leading their teams to three OHSL League Championships, three Section III Championships, two NYS Regional Championships, one NYSPHSAA runner-up and two NYSPHSAA Championships. Westhill student-athletes are committed in the classroom and on the athletic fields and courts. Congratulations fall athletes on your successes in the classroom!

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NYS Master Teacher

Congratulations to WHS science teacher, Alaina Weinsztok, who was named Master Teacher in the New York State Master Teacher Program for the 2018-2019 school year. The program was created by the Governor's Office and the State University of New York to highlight best instructional practices in STEM instruction and to attract people into the profession. Mrs. Weinsztok will have the opportunity to collaborate with other master teachers throughout the State in designing and implementing innovative STEM instruction. Mrs. Weinsztok teaches regents and honors level Living Environment, advises the Character Education Club and E.C.O.S and also serves on the District's Diversity Committee. Over the past several years, she has created project based learning activities that center around using science to solve humanitarian issues.



High School Science Happenings

Mr. Maimone's honors chemistry class and new members of Westhill's ACS (American Chemistry Society) Chemistry Club submitted a drawing for this year's Periodic Table of Moles. Based on uses, history, discovery or cultural identity, the club designed a drawing to be included in the new ACS poster. Their element was Tin (Sn).



On October 9, Mr. Maimone and a group of science students interested in careers in STEM related to the energy industry attended a workshop sponsored by CNY STEM and National Grid. Students got to talk with specialists in their field, converse with a local politician (Mr. Magnarelli) about STEM in CNY and work hands on with some field experience.



WHS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 1

Grade 12

Adams, Stephen Thomas
Albert, Christie Jayne
Amer, Mohammad Nasser
Antonacci, Jacqueline Taylor
Argentieri, Camille Ann
Bergett, Julia Brooke
Bistrovich, Justin Patrick
Blossey, Walker Cole
Britt, Meghan Dwyer
Brown, Bianca Tiarra Adriana
Caccamo, Noah Michael
Caloia, Dino Joseph
Caron, Kevin Jacob
Case, Anthony James
Cassidy, Ariel
Chaddock, Thomas Henry
Coman, Patrick Thomas
Coolican, Haylei Marybeth
Cortez, Camryn Ashleigh
Cunningham, Elana Zonea'
Czyz, Joseph Walker
Daigneau, Elena Lorene
Dashley, Samuel Logan
DeMatties, Noah Robert
Dhamoon, Jaideep
Doebert, Charles Clouser
Edgar, Abigail Jean
Etoll, Chatarina Quinn
Etoll, Mack Joseph
Gasky, Jack Michael
Gedney, Montanna Patton
Gilmartin, Ryan Patrick
Grant, Bryant Matthew
Graves, Sydney Lee-Ann
Grooms, Jack Thomas
Harrison, Xander Holden
Hart, Sydney Meris
Heinrich, Brigid Walsh
Henson, Lucy Grace
Hofmann, Alyssa Marie
Hynes, Zoe Marie
Kelly, Quinn Conall
King, Nathan Howard
Krahling, Caitlyn Victoria
Krzykowski, Braden Joseph
Lavigne, Wyatt Cooper
Lougen, Danielle Andrea
MacCaull, Kendra Marie
Martin, Mackenzie Maureen
McPeak, David Joseph
Milham, Brandon Alexander

Miller, Caroline Ann
Morrissey, Brian Donald
Nowicki, Madelyn Savannah
Olesh, Yuliya
Rewakowski, Brendan James
Rey, Nico Carmine
Rey, Olivia Margaret
Ristoff, Justin McCormick
Robb, Liam Jonathan
Roberts, Jacob Douglas
Robinson, Adam Nicholas
Roesch, Daniel Patrick
Russell, Lauren Maureen
Shampine, Emma Rose
Shattell, Jeremy Robert
Sizing, Reilly Joseph
Spinek, Shannon Nolan
Stensland, Grace Eleanor
Taber, Rylie Paige
Thabet, Ahlam
Thabet, Ali Nagib
Usev, Andon Toni
Walker, Ryan Halliday
Washburn, Daniel William
Wheeler, Stephanie Alexandria
Wiezalis, Ashley Elizabeth
Zackevich, Natalie Marie

Grade 11

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo
Amaya, Adam Anthony
Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth
Bistrovich, Nikolas John
Bradley, Jackson Thomas
Bryant, Rusden Patrick
Cannucciari, Arden Rose Mei
Carkner, Jessica Ann
Coman, Thomas Kevin
Cronin, Abigail Lynn
Cundall, Geoffrey Robert
Danboise, Brianna Eve
Daniul, Jacob Rae
Davis, William Machold-Sheldon
Derrick, Chelsea Lynn
Dillon, Rachel Terese
Ferrara, Michael Patrick
Fountain, Spencer Francis
Fricano, Jacob Steven
Frost, Sophia Ilene
Gangemi, Erica Lin
Gere, Jenna
Gilhooley, Rebecca Sue

Grabda, Christopher Cosselmon
Heffernan, Ashley Nicole
Holstein, Lauren Elizabeth
Hunt, Margaret Fitzgi
Kessler, Elizabeth Anne
Knapp, Jack William
Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn
Lasher, Julia Estelle
Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob
Lesselroth, Grace Ann
Lyons, Allison Mary
MacCollum, Zachary James
Mahoney, Alice Margaret
Mannion, Quinn Patricia
McIntyre, Caitlyn Kirkpatrick
McMahon, Grace Helen
McPeak, Eamon Andrew
McQueeney, Aline Nicole
Miggiani, Josiah Ethan
Murphy, Ryan Rebecca
O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel
O'Reilly, Emily Brennon
Patrie, Shawn Michael
Peck, Colton Skyler
Remillard, Will Clemo
Ricks, Janae Michelle
Rolince, Ryan Charles
Rudnick, Ciarra Michelle
Satalin, Meghan Teresa
Savage, Michael Patrick
Schwartz, Sarah Catherine
Sexton, Brianna Odell
Sheridan, Hannah Riley
Sheridan, Sarah Mae
Sherwood, Gabrielle Renee
Stamey, Thomas Robert
Thayer, Christopher Gerald
Vaughan, Katherine Mary
Wheelden, Madelyn Elizabeth

Grade 10

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth
Alam, Nailah
Ascioti, Cali Mae
Banga, Harshdeep Singh
Barcza, Rylee Madison
Bealer, Madison Jean
Bergett, Luke Jeffrey
Blossey, Emma Margaret
Bobbett, Jack Stewart
Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen
Britt, Michael Philip

WHS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 1

Grade 10 Continued

Caron, Sophia Terese
Carr, Angelo Carroccia
Centore, Henry Joseph
Clayton, Kyle Thomas
Cote, Mary Lily
Curley, Raeann Brooke
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
Locke, Kassadi
Lougen, Justin James
Madigan, Emily Drew
Malone, Cristian Michael
Markham, Ella Marie
McMahon, Maggie Rose
McPeak, Katherine Anne
Mechowski, Emma Kelly
Niezabytowski, Cameron Scott
Nowicki, Kylie Sierra
Powers, Jackson Lewis
Raus, Emma Elizabeth
Rey, Isabella Marie
Richardson, Morgan Anne
Rienhardt, Lenora Marie
Rinaldi, Hailey Marie
Robb, Ava Kathleen
Robbins, Makenna Elise
Rubino, Christian James
Ryan, Maeve Janice
Shanahan, Madison Reilly
Shepherd, Ian James
Stack, Sean Maxwell
Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
Thomas, Madison Alexis
VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey
Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
Voltz, Olivia Nicole
Walker, Colin Patrick

Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly
Wilsch, Mairead Norine
Wisner, Taryn Anne
Yeates, Jack William
Zawadzki, Jake Evan
Zollo, Brooke Olivia

Grade 9

Acuna, Jorge Luis
Adams, Alanna Michelle
Albert, Nicolette Parody
Allen, Brian Alexander
Argentieri, Francesca Eade
Balduzzi, Sarah Marie
Battista, Kaylin Amanda
Benderski, Sofia Stefana
Bova, Daniel Paul
Bradley, William Theodore
Burkett, Travis Michael
Cardoso, Isabella Grace
Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey
Carrock, Daniel Peter
Carroll, Delaney Rose
Case, Amanda Mary
Castracane, Anthony Michael
Centore, Sofia Grace
Colucci, Rachel
Cook, Molly Katherine
Dadey, Catherine
Dhamoon, Harsimran
Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie
Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
Elias, Angelina Rose
Fiore, Onna Marie
Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
Fountain, Kendall Marie
Gangemi, Emily Jo
Gorman, Emma Kathryn
Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
Greeson, Benjamin Robert
Grooms, Riley Kathryn
Heffernan, Ryan Daniel
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Herrera, Mia Pilar
Hunter, Claire Terese
Johnston, Hannah Rose
Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony

Kilaru, Narmada Sai
Kirkby Jr., Rodney
Knoll, Charles James
LaFex, Nicholas
Loose, Kassidy Rae
Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth
MacCaull, Kyle
Maglisco, Anthony
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
Mulholland, Brandon Michael
O'Connell, Gracelyn
O'Hearn, Kyleigh Elizabeth
Ososkalo, Alex
Ostuni, Jordyn Rae
Patrie, Colleen Theresa
Pecheny, Natalia
Pens, Quinn Maria
Phillips, Robert
Rewakowski, Noah Daniel
Rosati, Marisa Olivia
Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph
Russell, Julia Marie
Sampo, Isabella Grace
Satalin, John Ryan
Scheirer, Madison Arlene
Schwartz, Christopher Brian
Scott, Mia Sara
Starowicz, Hannah Louise
Thomas, Ben Sener
Thornton, Bridget Ann
Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn
Townsend, Michael David
Vanderhoff, Hailey
Voltz, Jason
Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth
Winkler, Grace Breason
Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

Westhill High School

Summer Band Camp and Masterclass Workshops

Over two weeks in August, 60 camper-musicians, 45 counselors, and 8 music educators from Westhill, Baldwinsville, East Syracuse-Minoa, Fayetteville-Manlius, Skaneateles, Bishop Ludden, Marcellus, Fabius-Pompey, Chittenango, Ithaca College, St. John Fisher, St. Rose, Le Moyne, Nazareth, St. Joseph's, RIT and Syracuse University performed together in the third annual Westhill Band Masterclass Workshop and sixth annual Westhill Summer Band Camp at Westhill High School. The camps were hosted by Westhill Instrumental Music Department teachers, Mrs. Elizabeth Buell and Mrs. Erin Tapia.

The Westhill Band Masterclass Workshop took place from July 31-August 2, and was an outgrowth of the Westhill Master Artist Series sponsored by the Westhill Educational Foundation in 2016. The concept for both programs was to create a more personalized and targeted instructional experience held in small like-instrument classes taught by exceptional educators specializing on that instrument. The 3 day summer workshop culminated in a final performance featuring flute, clarinet, saxophone, brass and percussion performances in a variety of configurations as well as performances throughout the camp by our 8 amazing masterclass band teachers and coordinators: Mrs. Buell (camp coordinator), Mr. Riley (brass), Mr. Mastrobattisto (saxophone) and Mrs. Tapia (camp coordinator and flute) from Westhill CSD; Mrs. Mastrobattisto (clarinet) from East Syracuse-Minoa; Mr. and Mrs. Lutters (percussion) from Fayetteville-Manlius CSD and Mr. Dave Wilber (brass) retired from Skaneateles CSD.



From August 6-10, the Westhill Band Camp student-musicians joined together for a week long concert band program and culminated their week of rehearsals with a band concert for friends and family, conducted by Mrs. Buell and Mrs. Tapia and assisted by the Westhill Camp Counselors. Students grades 6-9 rehearsed in 2 separate ensembles for 5 evenings on a fun and challenging variety of concert band pieces featuring works by Oare, Balmages, Storey, and Watson, and medleys from *Zootopia!* and *The Jungle Book*.

We would like to thank the Westhill Booster Club for sponsoring this camp, the Westhill custodial staff for their hard work and assistance throughout the week, the Westhill Board of Education and Administration for supporting this educational and musical endeavor and the campers' families for encouraging their children to make music a year-round part of their life. A special thank you to our high school and college volunteers who gave freely of their time, talent, leadership and enthusiasm throughout the week while working side-by-side with the campers.

NYSSMA Conference All-State

From November 29 to December 2, senior Mark Olesh (voice) performed with the New York State School Music Association Conference All-State Mixed Chorus as a part of the NYSSMA Winter Conference held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center and Eastman School of Music. The Mixed Chorus was conducted by Dr. Janet Galván, Director of Choral Activities at Ithaca College. Selection to the Conference All State roster is the highest musical honor attained by student musicians in New York State; Mark was selected to the ensemble because of his outstanding festival rating at the 2018 NYSSMA solo adjudication. Grace Stensland (flute and piccolo), Grace Lesselroth (flute), Brianna Sexton (flute), Zoe Hynes (voice) and Jaideep Dhamoon (voice) were named as alternates to the festival.



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October Warriors of the Month

9th Grade: Emma Kobasa is very thoughtful and always contributes in a class discussion. She works well with others, especially when working in small groups. She is always listening and going out of her way to include everyone. She is not only thoughtful in her comments in class but also in her actions in the community.

10th Grade: Emma Blossy is kind and compassionate. Emma works well with her teachers and peers at Westhill. Emma enjoys school and does very well in her classes. She always contributes her ideas to the class and is willing to go above and beyond. She gets along well with students and staff.

11th Grade: Dylan Amidon-Crawford is willing to reach out to anyone who is having a bad day and make it ten times better. She never fails to put a smile on someone's face and she always brightens up the room when she walks in.

12th Grade: Danielle Lougen is a motivated and dedicated student, but more importantly, she goes out of her way to help others. When other students are struggling with homework, Danielle offers to help them in study hall without any prompting. She patiently talks them through the homework and takes the time to make sure they understand the material. Her kindness and leadership skills show her true colors as a Westhill Warrior.



English 12 Classes Visit OFL

On October 10, students in English 12 traveled to the Onondaga Free Library (accompanied by Ms. Fleming and Mrs. Fenner) for a tour of the local branch. This trip followed readings and discussion about adult literacies and the role of public libraries in our lives after completing high school and to better understand what resources the library might offer for young people starting out in their careers or college studies. Students, many of whom had never been to this particular branch or who hadn't been since they were much younger, were pleasantly surprised to find the library (which underwent a huge expansion and redesign nine years ago) to be a very warm, welcoming and even noisy and active place - disrupting many of their previously held assumptions about libraries. Many thanks go out to the Onondaga Free Library staff, and especially young adult services librarian Alyssa Newton, who took time to show us around and teach us about their many programs and resources.



Teen Institute

From November 15-18, Westhill High School participated in the 32nd annual Teen Institute Leadership Conference at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, NY. In attendance this year were the school's Teen Institute advisor, Mrs. Jillian Fritz, fourteen students and two youth staff, Will Davis and Mikayla Carroll. During the conference, students worked to accomplish the mission of Teen Institute, which is to empower teens with the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead an alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free life; develop and strengthen leadership skills; educate and lead peers to reduce the frequency of substance abuse and other unhealthy behaviors; advocate for positive change within their schools and communities; and promote healthy decision making. Teen Institute members will continue to meet weekly throughout the year to fulfill the mission of the program.

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Halloween Fund Raiser

On October 25, Character Education along with ECOS, held their annual Halloween party for kids. Everyone had a wonderful time playing games, making crafts, braving the spooky hallway, watching a science demonstration and creating unforgettable memories with family and friends. All funds raised this year will be used for charitable donations within Westhill and the City of Syracuse. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this event such a huge success and to all community members who attended! See you next year.



French Night at the Crunch

On November 17, close to 40 French students and French Club members from WHS and OHMS attended French Night at the Crunch. This annual event is traditionally well attended by French students all over CNY, and this year was no exception. Throughout the game, French hockey vocabulary was put up on the screens in the arena. Westhill students got to see an exciting come from behind 6-4 victory for the Crunch. After the game, students were invited on the ice to meet some of the French-speaking players and to take a picture with them. It was a great time for the students and teachers!



French Cheese “Dégustation”

On November 2, the Westhill High School French Club hosted a cheese tasting featuring eight different cheeses from various regions in France including Swiss fondue. Approximately 20 students and teachers were in attendance to see Thomas Stamey's cheese presentation and then taste all of the cheeses accompanied by French baguettes. The brie was by far the most popular, but students were able to discover how amazing other cheeses are such as orange Mimolette, blue St. Agur and the very strong, but not-so-popular except among connaisseurs, époisse. We hope that this experience has inspired new amateurs de fromage among our French students. Bonne dégustation!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

September

5th Grade: Anna Eckert has come right into 5th grade being a great role model for her peers. She's a very hard worker, completes her work on time, is always doing the right thing and is an active participant in the classroom.

6th Grade: Joey Pirong is one of the sweetest students I have ever met. He enters with a smile and hello every single morning and exits with the same smile and friendliest of "Have a nice day." In between, he is a positive presence in every group he works with and he helps everyone before he is asked. He is a leader in the making!

7th Grade: Sean Finnerty is a hard working student who is willing to put himself out there in class and participate. He is very polite and has a good sense of humor! He is always engaged, brightens the room with his constant smile and is very kind to others.

8th Grade: Emmet Starowicz is a hard worker who is respectful to adults and peers. He works well with anyone in class and helps to make people feel welcome. Every day he shows how other people matter.



October

5th Grade: Anita Olesh is a great student and classmate. She makes a point to always do the right thing. She sets an amazing example for her classmates showing the P2 qualities of leadership and self-control.

6th Grade: Phoebe Burns is a very kind and sweet person who always pays attention to her surroundings and the needs of others. If someone needs a pencil or a sheet of paper, she has it for them. She works very hard and always comes to class prepared and completes her assignments to the best of her ability.

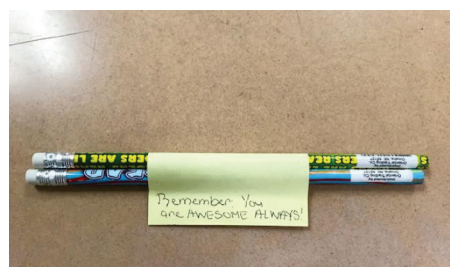
7th Grade: Jack VanEpps works extremely hard. He is attentive and actively engaged in his learning. He is kind and polite. He often assists other students who might be struggling in the classroom and is quick to offer tech support to his teachers.

8th Grade: Kate Bendall is a person who looks for ways to include other people. She is a hard worker who always does her best and she is helpful to her peers and to adults. She truly exemplifies someone who believes that other people matter.



Positivity Project

As part of the Positivity Project, students spent a week learning about how their actions and words can affect others. They learned about the concept, Paying It Forward. Students in Mrs. Shepardson's class were challenged to do just that. Each student was given two pencils, one to keep and one to give away. They could not give their pencil to anyone in the sixth grade, they needed to find someone from another grade, preferably someone they did not know. They also were required to attach a positive note with it and report back how their words and actions impacted another in a positive way. Shown here is an example. Everyone really enjoyed the experience noting looks of surprise and then smiles from their chosen person.



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Festival of Trees

The Onondaga Free Library asked Mrs. Feyerabend if she would be able to rally a group of artists to decorate a small tree for the 12th Annual OFL Festival of Trees on display until December 15, 2018. Fortunately, a creative bunch of 6th graders stepped up to design one-of-a-kind ornaments to hang from the tree. Tree decorators from left to right are Ava Baty, Laney Sipley, Claire Valenti and Ady Goldman. Great job, girls!



Canned Food Drive

From November 13-16, OHMS held its annual Canned Food Drive to benefit the Rescue Mission. Students and families were once again so generous with their donations. Our drive turned into a friendly competition with homerooms trying to bring in the largest number of items each day. This year, Mrs. Ruetsch's homeroom brought in a total of 782 items. They enjoyed pizza and a holiday movie before Thanksgiving break to reward their effort and generosity. Overall, students brought in over 2,400 food items.



OHMS Super Librarian

OHMS Librarian, Penny Feeney, was recently recognized as a Super Librarian by the Central New York School Librarians organization. The intention of the Soaring With Excellence Super Librarian Award is to honor librarians in the Central New York region who have made significant contributions to envisioning and building the future of school library services. Ms. Feeney was nominated by both fellow librarians and OHMS Principal, Mark Bednarski, who stated, "What is special is Penny's enthusiasm to try anything. Penny is a self-starter. She comes to me with ideas, gets approval and completely runs with it. She initiates calls, manages the students and coordinates with outside agencies to provide incredible opportunities for our students." She is truly a Super Librarian. Congratulations, Ms. Feeney!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Career Day

On November 19, OHMS held their semi-annual Career Day. Students and staff started the day learning about a career in law enforcement from our very own School Resource Officer, Joe Sweeny. Officer Sweeny shared various aspects of his career path and how he became a police officer. Following his presentation, students attended career workshops from over 30 presenters representing a variety of careers such as lawyer, physician, graphic designer, engineer, sports reporter, interior designer, meteorologist, fitness instructor and sheriff, just to name a few. Many of the presenters were parents from our own Westhill community. Presenters discussed their specific professions, while giving the broader message of how important it is to find your interests and do what you love. Thank you to all our presenters. It was a wonderful day!



2018 Build 'em & Bust 'em

On November 10, five 7th and 8th grade teams from the OHMS Tech Club competed in the annual Build'em and Bust'em bridge building competition held at the MOST. The competition is sponsored by the MOST, Syracuse University, Lockheed Martin and the Technology Alliance of CNY.

Students use their knowledge of construction systems, civil engineering and bridge design to create and construct a truss bridge. The goal of the competition is to obtain the best efficiency rating possible with their design. After weeks designing and building the bridge at school, each team tested their bridge at the MOST. The efficiency rating is the result of dividing the mass of their bridge before the test by the load required to "bust" the bridge. The competing teams included Kaelin Feliu, Liz Gluz, Kosta Georgiadis, Cade Caloia and Owen Maines. Special acknowledgment goes out to Kaelin Feliu for her 4th place finish among over 30 competing teams in the middle school division. Congratulations to all members for a job well done.



OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 1

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
Bryant, Keegan Michael
Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin
Carter, Ashley Knobel
Centore, Bohdan Patrick
Clos, Mallory Margarete
Colon, Gisselle Anais
Conley, Shannon Marie
Cottrell, Abigail Mae
Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine
Delay, Kieran Michael
Derrick, James Robert
Donadio, Alexandra
Donegan, Ryan Flaherty
Donnelly, Nathan Patrick
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
Kerr, Aiden Jay
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica Marie
LoFaro, Nicole
Lowery, Adelaide Margaret
Lubel, Margaret Anna
Markham, Iris Mary
McKeon, Madison Rose
McQueeney, Lia Clare
Militello, Samuel
Nicoll, Baillie
Nowicki, Justin Jacob
Ortiz, Manuel
Osorio, Anthony
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
Rogers, Sean Patrick
Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth

Rosenberger, Anna Kerr
Roth, Charlotte
Ryan, Aidan Christopher
Savage, Luke James
Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth
Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose
Snyder, Mary Katherine
Sondej, Andrew
Starowicz, Emmet
Stephenson, Sean Michael
Stiner, Lucas Marcos
Taber, Bradyn Shea
Thabet, Ilham
Valenza, Zachary Daniel
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney Jean
Ward, Chloe Elizabeth
Young, Devin Thomas

Grade 8 Honor

Alt, Leonard
Angell, Jane Marie
Antoine, Olivia Maive
BenYehuda, Ella
Blount, Tatianna
Buckman, Carter Leon
Carter, Brooke Kelly
Centore, Ian Matthew
Cominoli, Nathaniel
Cowin, Alexander
Crosier, Adrianna Nicole
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
Curtis, Julian
Czaplicki, Kalista Jane
DeFabbio, Michael
Delia, George
Dennee, Bridgett Rose
Dillabough, Karly
Doss, Mia Avery
Dwyer, Megan
Dykes, Ayva
Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy
Gluz, Elizabeth Aulina
Greeley, Emily Nicole
Gwilt, Julianna Rose
Hagrman, Katelyn Anne
Heagerty, Finnbarr
Hemingway, Starlene Houck, Natalia
Kimball, Joseph Paul
Martini, Garet Matthew
Mersfelder, Mia
Militi, Vittoria

Monic, Ysabella
Naughton, Ryan
Pagano, Anthony Christopher
Piedmont, Aiden Allen
Popp, Abigail
Rizzo, Alaina Marie
Roesch, Teresa
Schiffer, Adrianna
Sisson, Caitlin Kelly
Stewart, Sincere Jamir
Strelec, Alexandra Mary
Terrinoni, Natalie Marie
Thomas, Brady Charles
Townley, Austin Dale

Grade 7 High Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Hasan
Battista, Megan Elizabeth
Borne, Gavin Reed
Caloia, Cade Anthony
Campanella, Jack Salvatore
Cognato, Nina Grace
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton James
DeSanto, Emma
Dimovski, Sofia Maria
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Gray, Gracelyn
Gross, Adriana Jane
Herrera, Elle Madison
Hogan, Jameson Patrick
Kleberg, Elena Rose
Knohl, Caitlyn Frances
Knohl, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Lancette, Alison Taylor
Lopez, Cameron James
Madigan III, Michael Francis
Mahar, Owen Michael
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth
O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Pens, Grady Alwyn
Plochocki, Alexander

OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 1

Grade 7 High Honor Continued

Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Rogers, Kathleen Margaret
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Sanborn, Kemery Elizabeth
Smyth, Shay Thomas
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stanton, Jane Catherine
Stiner, Mia Stephanie
Stiner, William Patrick
Suddaby, Jackson William
Terek, Julianna Marie
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
Van Epps, Jack Brendan
White, Azaria
Young, Isabel
Young, Liliana
Zema, Rose Marie
Zollo, Lauren Marie

Grade 7 Honor

Altheblah, Ayesha
Amorese, Vincent Stefan
Andrella, Kyle Andrew
Burdick, Bryce Griffith
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Carroll, Alden
Cassoni, Allyssa
Clarry, Adam
Cottrell, Catherine Grace
Craven, Ryley
Dacko, Alexander Vladimir
Darling, Damon Lukas
Dillabough, Trey Walker
Donadio, Olivia Caitlin
Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Etoll, Owen Charlie
Evans, Rachel Maffei
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Finnerty II, Sean P.
Gacek, Chloe Genevieve
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Johnston, Brendan Augustine
Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Kohanski, Morgan Emily
Korrie, Alexa
Lasher, Ava Mary
Leonardo, Isabel Christine

MacLachlan, Nathan Willard
Mahoney, Rosemary
Maines, Owen Daniel
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
Medeiros Jr., Steven John
Nojaim, Carlos Daniel
Paetow, Emma
Perault, Eliza Jade
Pettiford, Ni'Jhay Nichelle
Phillips, Marissa Anne
Raner, Tyler James
Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Sherwood, Ryan Matthew
Spencer, Taylor Anna
Taylor, Veronica
Thomas, A'my Uday
Thornton, Ellie Grace
Walsh, Maggie
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph

Grade 6 High Honor

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
Antoine, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cowin, Timothy
Detor, Claire Ann
Dorfman, Molly Claire
Ferrer-Menendez, Emma Lira
Finnegan, Sophia
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Goral, Mya
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Henesey, Luke
Herring, Quinn
Holowinski, Aubrey
Jetter, Siena
Khairallah, Jessica Joyce
Kimball, Lauren
Klamm, Jeremiah James
LaReau, Abigail
MacBain, Sydney
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
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
Valenti, Roman Paul
Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 6 Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Abedrabbah, Razan
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Abraham, Sarah
Agley, Lucas
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille Mae
Balduzzi, Emily
Baty, Ava
Bleskoski, Jordin Beth
Bova, Michael James
Bressler, Auriana
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
Cecile, Annabella
Clayton, Brody
Cusimano, Rocco Nicholas
DeLine, William
DeMore, Timothy
Donegan, Sophia
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
Fry, Megan
Gedney, Ellianna Kathleen
Glover, Michael
Goldman, Adyson
Goral, Kaylee Ann
Gorman, Emma
Gregory, Chyla
Griffin, Maxwell Sean
Hart, Mikayla
Hayes V, Robert
Heise, Morgan Lindsay
Joyce, Camaryn
Juman, Eli Stuart
Kelly, Caleigh Grace
Kelly, Colin William

OHMS Honor Roll 2018-2019 Quarter 1

Grade 6 Honor Continued

Kelly, Kara
Macko, Jacob
Marshall, Emma
Mathews, Camryn Jaye
Maxwell, Jayde Mika
Medeiros, Sydney
Moro, Breyanna Nicole
Murphy, Jonathan Immanuel
O'Hern, Keller

Pease, Jack Ryan
Pendergast, Thomas
Popp, Edward Thomas
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
Sisack, Emlyn
Stanton, Laura Rose
Swierk, Ryan Francis
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Vashchishin, Anna
White, Collin Patrick

Bingo/Pizza Party

This December, 5th and 6th grade students enjoyed their first bingo/pizza party. Thank you Parent Council and volunteers for a fun night with super prizes!



Students Visit Syracuse Stage

7th and 8th grade band and chorus students attended Syracuse Stage's holiday production of *Elf the Musical* and posed for a photo with "Buddy the Elf".



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all spelling bee qualifiers and to our four finalists. The winner, Bodie Centore and finalists Cade Caloia, Alden Carroll and Mackenzie Heise, will be moving onto the next round of the Onondaga County Spelling Bee.



Revisions to Mandated Health Exams and Screenings for the 2018-19 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.**
- Changes for screening grades are effective starting 7/1/18 and will be **implemented starting with the 2018-2019 school year.**

****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.

Cherry Road School

Zoo to You

Educators and animals from the Rosamond Gifford Zoo's "Zoo to You" program visited Cherry Road School. Third graders had the opportunity to learn about various habitats and some animals that inhabit them. Students learned about, observed and touched a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, a Desert Chuckwalla and a Ball Python! This special visit helped prepare students and provide background knowledge for an upcoming inquiry based science unit about animals and how they adapt to their environment as it changes. Pictured are students from Mrs. Jackson's class with a Ball Python.



Creativity Challenge

Second graders participated in the P2 CRS Family Project - Creativity Challenge. They turned off their screens and spent time putting their creativity into action instead. Way to go, second graders!



Kindness

The fourth grade students in Mrs. D'Amico's class showed the character strength of kindness when they invited students from Ms. Appel's class to demonstrate how to weave wampum belts. They were excellent teachers!



Bricks 4 Kidz

Third grade students had some fun while learning about the laws of motion. Thanks to WEST, the students were able to travel to Bricks 4 Kidz and apply their knowledge of motion into designing a motorized teeter-totter. They had fun building mosaics, 3D models and cars from Legos. When racing their cars, the students were able make adjustments to help them go faster. After a short lesson on the laws of motion, the students worked with a partner to follow directions to build a motorized teeter-totter. What a great day of fun and learning!



Cherry Road School

P2 Team Time

Cherry Road students and staff have been enjoying the second year of the Positivity Project and continuing what has become a fun monthly gathering - the P2 Team Time. Each month, we gather as a school community and review the previous month's character strengths using videos, skits and activities. Team time allows us to meet in a fun way and to remind everyone that Other People Matter!



4th Grade Field Trip

Fourth graders visited Ska-Nonh, the Great Law of Peace Center, and heard stories of the native people of Central New York. The history of the Hudenosaunee people included learning about their creation story, European contact and how Onondaga Lake was an important part of their culture.



Zoo Visit

On October 30, second graders went to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo to further their learning about mammals, and particularly bats. They got to explore the zoo, have lunch and attend a special lesson from a zookeeper about bats



4th Grade Engineering Presentation

Westhill parent and engineer, Clark Bendall, recently visited several fourth grade classrooms. The fourth grade students are learning about electrical circuits, and Mr. Bendall was able to help them make connections by showing them schematic designs and circuit boards. The students were able to use the electrical visual probes he designed. Thank you, Mr. Bendall!



Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools

Anti-Bullying Performance

In November, Walberta Park School hosted the Peaceful Schools Production, *Weird! The Musical*. The musical is based on the book series *Weird!* by Erin Frankel and Paula Heaphy. The musical tells the story of bullying from multiple perspectives. Students watching the show learned to be considerate of all people's feelings and the importance of standing up to bullies. Cherry Road School students attended the performance in the WPS gymnasium along with Walberta Park School students. Students, staff and families enjoyed the show!



First Grade Visits Hospital Land

First grade classes had the opportunity to visit "Hospital Land" located at Crouse Hospital's Marley Education Center. One of the Marley Education Center nurses conducted a play that the students participated in to show the students what would happen if they had to stay overnight in the hospital. The students then explored some medical equipment such as a wheelchair, crutches, stretcher, casts and stethoscopes. They also had the opportunity to tell the nurse about a personal medical story or experience from their own lives.



Annual Halloween Parades

Students and staff at Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools enjoyed another successful Halloween parade. They were greeted by parents, grandparents, friends and our neighbors as they showed off their wonderful costumes. Thanks to all who came to join in the fun!



Walberta Park School

Fitness Fridays

Our Fitness Fridays continue with YogaKids this fall. The Site-Based Team is pleased to have Midge Regier return as the YogaKids instructor. The classes help the children to focus on mindfulness, flexibility, coordination, body awareness and calmness. What a wonderful way to start the day!



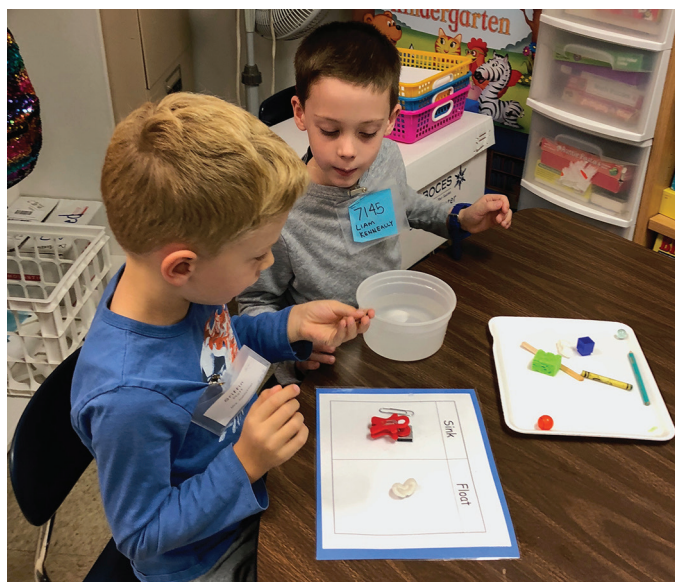
Veteran Visit

Gordon Scofield from Clear Path for Veterans visited Mrs. Byrne's kindergarten class to thank them for the Veterans Day cards that they made. Mr. Scofield's service dog, Major, visited as well. For more information on Clear Path for Veterans visit www.ClearPathForVets.com.



Waterplay

Kindergarten learned about water in their first science unit, Waterplay. Through activities and play, the students learned about the properties of water, water having weight and the shape of water. They experimented with objects that sink and float in water, soapy water and bubbles and materials that absorb and repel water. The students enjoyed learning about water in their own classrooms as well as visiting each of the kindergarten classrooms for additional learning opportunities.



Onondaga Hill Firefighters Visit

October is National Fire Prevention Month and Walberta Park School students were visited by the Onondaga Hill Fire Department. Firefighters demonstrated the special gear they wear that helps them fight fires. They also taught students how to protect themselves and escape in the event of a fire. A special thank you to the fire department for their timely presentation!



Walberta Park School

Walberta Park Elementary School News

Attention Incoming Kindergarten Parents 2019-2020 School Year



Registration for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten class at Walberta Park School is approaching. Student hours are 8:40am – 3:05pm.

If you have a child that will be five on or before December 1, 2019, please follow these four simple steps:

1. Fill out the form below and return it to:
Walberta Park Primary School
Kindergarten 2019-2020
400 Walberta Road
Syracuse, New York 13219-2297
2. Once we have received this completed form, we will send a registration packet in the mail for you to complete. Please fill out the packet completely and return it to us at the registration date listed below. This year our registration will be held as follows:

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm OR 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Walberta Park School Conference Room

3. You will need to bring the following with you to kindergarten registration along with the completed registration packet. Your child will not be registered at school unless we have on file the following:
 - Your child's original birth certificate
 - Proof of district residency (deed, lease or rental agreement, mortgage statement)
 - Physical & immunization records

A kindergarten orientation will be held for student and parents on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

4. At the registration you will have the opportunity to sign your child up for our kindergarten screening which will take place June 27 and June 28, 2019. Every incoming kindergartner must be screened to enter school. Screening helps us make class placements and plan for instruction to best meet children's needs.

Please take a moment to complete this form and return it to the above address no later than February 1, 2019.
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Child's Name _____ Gender: M F Date of Birth _____

Parents/Guardians Name(s) _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Which statement best describes your plans for September?

- ☐ My child WILL attend kindergarten at Walberta Park School.
- ☐ My child WILL NOT attend kindergarten at Walberta Park School.
- ☐ I am undecided. Comment: _____

Westhill Educational Foundation

Westhill Foundation Awards Record Amount of Grants for 2019

This year, a record number of grants were submitted to the Westhill Educational Foundation from teachers across all grade levels for creative programs involving the arts, music, STEM projects and more. As a result, the Foundation approved a record \$40,000 to fund 17 programs.

“This year we were truly overwhelmed with the outstanding ideas and innovative projects our teachers and staff came up with, and it made it extremely difficult to choose,” said Chris Centore, President of the Westhill Educational Foundation. “We were also excited to have more grants that cross-over more than one school group. We are so fortunate to be able to bring these great programs to our students each year because of the incredible generosity of our Westhill community and the hard work of our volunteer board and committees.”

Work on these grants will begin in December 2018. This is the fifth round of grants awarded by the Foundation. In just these few short years, the Foundation has donated more than \$150,000 for 81 grants to the Westhill district.

This year’s winning grants are:

Walberta Park Elementary School

1. Bricks 4 Kidz

This grant was submitted by the kindergarten and first grade teams at Walberta Park School. Teresa DeMatties, Peggy Byrne, Stephanie Merritt, Mary Klee, Mary Pat Hoag, Angela McShane, Marilou Francisco, Patricia Vercillo, Heather York, Megan Vertucci, Jennifer Stanton, Wendy Snyder and Katrina Balla. They will supplement their STEM curriculum using the Bricks 4 Kidz physics and space modules. The students will learn science, technology, engineering and math concepts along with problem-solving and team-building skills through creative play with Legos.

2. It’s the Little Things

This grant was submitted by Principal Beth Kramer on behalf of the entire staff for the student body at Walberta Park School. This program will be presented by musician John Farrell to support the Positivity Project with songs that focus on character building and character strengths.

Cherry Road School

3. Potsdam Pitches Performance and Master Class

This grant was submitted by elementary music teacher Sarah Colaluca. As a supplement to her music program, this grant would bring in the Potsdam a cappella singing group to perform for the whole school and allow fourth grade choir students a chance to attend a master class led by the Potsdam Pitches and their director.

Onondaga Hill Middle School

4. Insights and Inspirations

This grant was submitted by librarian Penny Feeney, English teachers Karen McPeak and Desiree Wight, art teacher Margaret Feyerabend and Principal Mark Bednarski. The middle school will host John David Anderson, author of several books for teens including *Ms. Bixby’s Last Day*, named a Publisher’s Weekly Best Book of the Year for children. In addition to building-wide activities that include reading and writing seminars and an art project, this year’s event will also include dinner with the author at the Onondaga Free Library.

Westhill Educational Foundation

5. Westhill Master Artist Series

This grant was submitted by music teacher Elizabeth Buell for 6th through 8th grade band students. Similar to last year's program, there will be six professional musicians coming to the middle school to meet with different sections of the band. These classes would take place after school.

6. VEX IQ Robotics

This grant was submitted by technology teachers Scott Crowell and Jim Maniccia. This grant proposes to expand the Intro to technology program at OHMS by purchasing 16 robotics kits. The students will use the kits to learn real world applications of robotics and coding. Students will incorporate these skills into a design challenge which will prepare them for potential team competitions.

7. OHMS Weather Station

This grant was submitted by 8th grade science teacher Tracy Derrenbacher. Funds will be used to upgrade the current weather station to meet the new curriculum requirements for the 8th grade science program. The weather station will allow students to interact with real-time data, develop models and analyze past, current and future weather conditions. These activities will help develop globally-minded students who have a greater understanding of climate-related issues.

8. Virtual Learning For Physical Education Students

This grant was submitted by middle school physical education teacher Jason Clavijo and is the first grant submitted by a teacher from that department. Integration of this technology will allow for new and creative ways of presenting instruction and increase learning and participation. Students who are injured would be able to participate using apps specific to the P.E. curriculum. Students who are homebound would benefit from the use of videos and photographs taken during instruction. Students will also work together to create videos of their own performances to analyze their skills.

Onondaga Hill Middle School and Westhill High School

9. Westhill Day of Jazz

This grant was submitted by music teachers Elizabeth Buell, Corey Riley and Erin Tapia for middle school and high school jazz ensemble students. The music department has invited the jazz education faculty from SUNY Potsdam to a day of in-house rehearsal. In addition, the Crane Jazz Ensemble will sit side-by-side with the students as they participate in master class sessions. Follow that up with a community-wide performance at the 41st annual Westhill Senior Citizens Concert on April 3rd. This is a very successful and rewarding experience for students as well as for the seniors in our community, and is the third year for this successful grant.

10. Learning in 3D

This grant was submitted by Westhill High School science department Leader Marcia Cornell on behalf of the middle and high school science faculty. This grant allows for the purchase of a 3D AV Rover System and the 3D glasses needed to create and watch presentations in a 3-dimensional format. The use of this equipment will provide students with a learning experience that will help them visualize the science being discussed in the classroom and understand complex structures and abstract concepts.

11. *Angst* - A School and Community Film Screening

This grant was submitted by district social workers and mental health committee members Tammy Hollis-Breen, social worker Beth Piorkowski, health teacher Deborah D'Angelo and school psychologist Kim Arroyo. High school and middle school students and their parents will be invited to a screening of the film *Angst*, which is a documentary about the impact that anxiety has on children and teens, as told by other children and teens. This experience will create an environment where our students feel safe and encouraged to speak up about personal issues and struggles they may be having.

Westhill Educational Foundation

Westhill High School

12. Experiencing Storm King and Making Art

This grant was submitted by Westhill High School art teachers Jeff Allen and Jamie Ashlaw. This experience is being offered at the high school based on a successful trip to the renowned Catskills' Sculpture Park in 2016. Students will visit the museum, sketch or photograph different works of art and then create a piece of artwork that reflects one of the unique sculptures back at Westhill High School.

13. Brendan Kiely Author Visit

This grant was submitted by Westhill High School English teacher Sarah Fleming. Brendan Kiely, author of *All American Boys* and *Tradition* will visit the high school to speak to the student body in an assembly, to present to students in break-out sessions and to meet with selected students for a special luncheon. The program also includes an evening with the author speaking to families from Westhill and West Genesee High Schools.

14. The Westhill Scholar Showcase: An Academic Symposium to Celebrate Student Research

This grant was submitted by Westhill High School English teacher Sarah Fleming. Ms. Fleming will create a two-part symposium where students engage in a conference-like workshop and attend student-led presentations on in-depth academic research projects. That will be followed by an afternoon/evening event at Onondaga Community College, which includes a keynote speaker, breakout sessions and a Q&A student panel. The entire Westhill community is encouraged to attend and provide feedback to our own future scholars.

15. WHS Electrathon Car Club

This grant was submitted by technology teacher Jim Maniccia to purchase a new engine for the club's electric race car. The club meets after school and members participate in all aspects of vehicle design using their knowledge of math, science, electricity and engineering. They will race their car in the spring at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) race at Oswego Speedway.

16. Exploring Opportunities: Mini VR Lab

This grant was submitted by Westhill High School librarian Karen Fenner. Funds will be used to upgrade and expand the library's current Virtual Reality [VR] equipment. With the purchase of the newer, higher-end headsets, our students will have access to immersive viewing that impacts their learning and social-emotional skills. Students doing authentic work develop a capacity for working independently, collaborating, communicating as well as reflection.

District-Wide

17. Other People Matter: Engaging Westhill Students With Our Diverse Community

This grant was submitted by Westhill High School biology teacher Alaina Weinsztok and fellow Westhill Diversity Committee members (WHS) Sarah Starowicz, Sarah Fleming, Nancy Gorman, (OHMS) Penny Feeney, Karen McPeak, (CRS) Karin Backus, Mary Mitchell, and (WPS) Beth Kramer, Aneisa Linton, Stephanie Merritt. As an expansion of a successful pilot program in 2018, this grant will fund district-wide learning opportunities that will supplement the regular classroom curriculum by exposing students to diverse experiences and perspectives in our school and local community. Students will select from a variety of real-life experiences including diverse music, art and dance forms, open dialogues on various global issues, as well as discussions with various non-profit organizations that raise awareness of civic actions that are grounded in empathy and kindness. These events are scheduled to take place during the winter and spring marking periods at all four district buildings.

The Foundation is an official, non-for-profit organization that raises funds to help support innovative learning experiences for all Westhill Central School District students. This year's annual fund raising event, "Chip In For Education," will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019, at St. Ann's Church. For more detailed information on the grants, please like us on Facebook, visit www.westhillfoundation.com or email us at westhillfoundation@gmail.com.

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Westhill District News

Westhill Booster Club

Did you know the Westhill Booster Club supports all academic, athletic and extra curricular activities?

Here are some of the ways in which the Westhill Booster Club provides support to our students:

- Sponsor of the Senior Athletic Banquet
- Booster Club Scholarships
- Post season awards for sectional, regional and state champions
- Coach buses for our teams to travel during post season play
- Donations to the various organizations (junior class, senior class, Westhill Foundation)

The Booster Club has also made some large purchases for the school. These purchases include:

- Stage curtains for the high school
- New sound system for the athletic field
- A new indoor batting cage

Please continue to support our Booster Club through our fund raising efforts so we can continue to provide support to our students throughout the school year.

We need you! Please come and help support our Warriors and have some fun meeting new people within our great community. Please visit our website at westhillboosterclub.com for meeting dates and information. We would love for you to join us in supporting our awesome students!