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Graduation Honors

Valedictorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.157, Sarah Schwartz is the Westhill High School Class of 2020 valedictorian. Sarah has maintained an extremely rigorous course schedule throughout high school and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. She is a recipient of the NYSED Academic Excellence Award and earned the Old English "W" Award for her fourth year in a row. Outside of the classroom, Sarah is an accomplished athlete, artist and musician. As a senior captain of our girl's volleyball team, Sarah led her teammates through the State Tournament to capture their second Class B State Championship. Sarah was named to the All-Tournament team and also received the Sportsmanship award from the tournament committee. She was named to the All-League team for the second year in a row, as well as being named to the All-CNY team and 2nd Team All-State for 2019. On the stage, Sarah played important roles in every production of the Westhill



Masquers Club and the Westhill Drama Club over her high school career. Musically, Sarah was a member of Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble and the Westhill Singers. In addition to all of these academic and co-curricular achievements, Sarah also found time to co-edit the 2020 Westhill High School Yearbook. Sarah plans to attend Hofstra University in the fall, majoring in film studies and production with a minor in drama. Congratulations to Sarah Schwartz for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2020 Valedictorian!

Salutatorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.013, Jacob Fricano is the Class of 2020 salutatorian. Jacob has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. He is a 2020 recipient of the Giemza-Balduzzi Scholarship, the NYSED Academic Excellence Award, as well as the American Citizenship Award. Jacob is also a talented musician, participating in Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab, Percussion Ensemble and has been a regular member of the Pit Band for our Westhill Masquers Club productions. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Jacob has been a three sport athlete for all four years at Westhill High School. In cross country, Jacob won two Sectional Championships, was a State Championship runner-up and was named team MVP for his senior campaign. He was also part of the All-CNY 4x800 team for indoor track,



which won the State Qualifier Meet. When Jacob was not playing tennis in the spring, he was a member of our outdoor track team, earning numerous All-League honors. Jacob will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall majoring in Computer Science with the intention to become a Software Engineer, possibly in the field of data analytics or machine learning. Congratulations to Jacob Fricano for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2020 Salutatorian!

Westhill High School

Most Outstanding Boy and Girl

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



Outstanding Girl

Elizabeth Kessler was selected as the Class of 2020 Most Outstanding Girl. Liz earned an academic GPA of 94.813, having completed Honors level, AP and OCC course work during her high school career. She will attend Lenoir-Rhyne University in the fall, studying Biology with the intention of becoming a Physician's Assistant. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society, as well as a member of the Character Ed Club, French Club, Yearbook and Masguers Club. Liz has served her classmates as Class President for the past three years, playing a crucial role in planning and organizing senior events during this unprecedented spring season. Liz is also an accomplished three-season student-athlete, utilizing her skill as a runner on the Westhill cross-country, indoor, and outdoor track teams where she has won multiple Sectional Championships and earned many All-League honors. Liz will continue her athletic career at Lenoir-Rhyne where she earned an athletic scholarship. Congratulations to Elizabeth Kessler for being selected as the 2020 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Girl!

Outstanding Boy

The class of 2020 Most Outstanding Boy award recipient is Oluwafeyisayo Ajagbe. Sayo will graduate with a 96.118 academic GPA and will attend Cornell University in the fall to study Biological Science with the intention of becoming a physician. Sayo has completed Honors level, AP, OCC and SUPA course work during his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society, President of the French National Honor Society and Secretary of the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. As a musician, Sayo is a member of Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab and Percussion Ensemble. During his senior year, Sayo served as the Student Council Secretary, helping organize important events like Homecoming and the Semi-Formal Dance. Congratulations to Oluwafeyisayo Ajagbe for being selected as the 2020 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Boy!



Westhill High School

Old English "W" Recipients

The Old English "W" is a traditional Westhill award bestowed on the individual male and female students who have earned the highest academic grade point average for their respective grade levels for the current school year. The Old English "W" is one of Westhill's most honored traditions. Listed below are this year's recipients and their academic GPA for this school year.

9th grade		11th grade	
Charlotte Roth	103.600	Banga Harshdeep	102.333
Justin Nowicki	102.667	Cristian Malone	103.000 (3rd year in a row)
10th grade		12th grade	
Isabella Jones	102.200 (2nd year in a row)	Josiah Miggiani	103.111
Liam Mahar	101.667	Sarah Schwartz	104.778 (4th year in a row)

Warriors of the Month

MAY

9th Grade: Lucas Stiner demonstrates a true love for learning and commitment to excellence. He consistently challenges himself by choosing difficult texts to read, and he diligently completes all assignments to the best of his ability. He never settles for less than his personal best, and was resourceful with any technology issues during distance learning. He stands out among his peers because of his quiet dedication to learning that goes beyond the desire for good grades but focuses on his own personal growth. Although Lucas does not seek the spotlight, he is truly worthy of being awarded and celebrated as Warrior of the Month.

<u>10th Grade</u>: Grace Winkler continued to go above and beyond what is expected of her while distance learning. She is diligent in her work and performs at the highest level. Her warm personality in class can make anyone smile. Keep up the great work, Grace!

11th Grade: Harshdeep Banga demonstrated an incredible dedication to improving his writing abilities during this COVID-19 period. He asked for additional feedback beyond what is required for class, and was considerate and understanding in his requests. Harshdeep regularly attended Meets for class and asked questions that benefited the entire AP class. Harshdeep is a respectful, friendly student who makes the Westhill community brighter.

<u>12th Grade</u>: Nathan Fricano is curious, a leader and is friendly to adults as well as his peers. Nathan is a good student and is the workhorse for the Electrathon Race team. Nathan simply makes other people's day better. Congratulations, Nathan!

Paint Westvale Purple Essay Winners

While the PWP 5K and 1 Mile Color Run were cancelled for this year, the PWP Committee would like to announce the winners of the student essay contest. Edan Mitchell, a first grader in Mrs. Snyder's class, won with her essay on ALS and the ALS Association Upstate New York Chapter. Annie Horning, a 3rd grader in Mrs. Neumire's class, won for her essay about Second Chance Canine Adoption Shelter. Second Chance is an animal shelter in Jamesville that takes in stray dogs from the city of Syracuse to be cared for by inmates at the Jamesville Correctional Facility. There were two winners at the middle school, Braelyn Turner in the 5th/6th grade category and Julianna Terek in the 7th/8th grade category. Braelyn wrote about the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance. Julianna won with her essay advocating for Autism Speaks. At the high school, senior, Izzy Valenti, won with her essay on the Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations to all of the essay contest winners, and many thanks to all students who participated. Special thanks to WHS English teacher, Sarah Starowicz, and OHMS English teacher, Karen McPeak, for overseeing the contest, as well as to the WHS Future Educators Club for serving as our judges.

WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019-2020

Grade 12

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth Bistrovich, Nikolas John Bradley, Jackson Thomas Bryant, Rusden Patrick Criollo, Henry Cronin, Abigail Lynn Cundall, Geoffrey Robert F. Daniul, Jacob Rae Davis, William Machold-Sheldon Derrick, Chelsea Lynn Dillon, Rachel Terese 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 Cosselmon Hagrman, Kyle Evan Heffernan, Ashley Nicole Holstein, Lauren Elizabeth Hubert, Anne Martha Hunt, Margaret Fitzgi Hunter, William Daniel Kelly, Luke Patrick Kessler, Elizabeth Anne King, Adam Stephen Kinney, Garvin Thomas Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn Lasher, Julia Estelle Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob Lesselroth, Grace Ann Lyons, Allison Mary MacBain, Scott Matthew Mahaney, Payton Virginia Mahoney, Alice Margaret Mannion, Quinn Patricia Marshall, Lauren Elizabeth Masterpole, Ellie May McMahon, Grace Helen McQueeney, Aline Nicole Miggiani, Josiah Ethan Mitchell, Jonathan Fitzpatrick Murphy, Ryan Rebecca O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel O'Reilly, Emily Brennon

Patrie, Shawn Michael
Peck, Colton Skyler
Remillard, Will Clemo
Richmond, Kaley Ann
Rudnick, Ciarra Michelle
Satalin, Meghan Teresa
Savage, Michael Patrick
Schwartz, Sarah Catherine
Sexton, Brianna Odell
Sheridan, Sarah Mae
Sullivan, Brendan Terrance
Sullivan, Molly Grace
Thomas, Mya Tyne
Valenti, Izabella Rose

Grade 11

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth Banga, Harshdeep Singh Bealer, Madison Jean Bergett, Luke Jeffrey Blossey, Emma Margaret Bobbett, Jack Stewart Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen Britt, Michael Philip Caputo, Kwinn Nicholas Caron, Sophia Terese Centore, Henry Joseph Clancy, Ryan Michael Clayton, Kyle Thomas Curley, Raeann Brooke Derrenbacher, Eden Clara Dorfman, Cassie Grace Doss, Jada Opal Felter, Tess Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Anne Kate Grooms, Griffin Richard 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 Niezabytowski, Cameron Scott Nowicki, Kylie Sierra Powers, Jackson Lewis Rey, Isabella Marie Richardson, Morgan Anne

Robb, Ava Kathleen Robbins, Makenna Elise Rubino, Christian James Rubino, Sophia Rose Ryan, Maeve Janice Shanahan, Madison Reilly Shepherd, Ian James Smith, Hope Christina Speicher, Cael Speicher, Payne Tarolli, Vincent Matthew Thomas, Madison Alexis Thomas, Myshaun Myron VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey VanOrnam, Kaleb Ward Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly Wilsch, Mairead Norine Wisner, Taryn Anne Yeates, Jack William Zawadzki, Jake Evan Zollo, Brooke Olivia

Grade 10

Adams, Abigail Katherine Adams, Alanna Michelle Albert, Nicolette Parody Alberts, Alexandra Helene Allen, Brian Alexander Argentieri, Francesca Eade Balduzzi, Sarah Marie Battista, Kaylin Amanda Burkett, Travis Michael Cardoso, Isabella Grace Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey Carrock, Daniel Peter Carroll, Delaney Rose Castracane, Anthony Michael Centore, Sofia Grace Colucci, Rachel Czyz, Sean D'Agostino, Ryan Andrew Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth Elias, Angelina Rose Formica, Charlotte Marilyn Fountain, Kendall Marie Gangemi, Emily Jo Gorman, Emma Kathryn Grabau III, William John Gratien, Jonathan Daniel Greeson, Benjamin Robert

WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019-2020

Grade 10 continued

Grooms, Riley Kathryn Heinrich, Kate Rose Herrera, Mia Pilar Hunter, Claire Terese Johnston, Hannah Rose Jones, Isabella Katherine Kenny, Brian Anthony Kestler, Ashley Marie Kilaru, Narmada Sai Kirkby Jr., Rodney Knoll, Charles James Loose, Kassidy Rae Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth MacCaull, Kyle Matthew Mahar, Liam Patrick Mahoney, Patrick Bernard 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 Michael O'Connell, Gracelyn Ostuni, Jordyn Rae Patrie, Colleen Theresa Pecheny, Natalia Pelsue, Matthew Thomas Pens, Quinn Maria Procopio, Nathan Donald Rewakowski, Noah Daniel Rimkevitz, Ty Joseph Rodgers, Aidan Nicholas Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph Russell, Julia Marie Sampo, Isabella Grace Satalin, John Ryan Schwartz, Christopher Brian Scott, Mia Sara

Stanton, John Thomas Starowicz, Hannah Louise Thabet, Amin Thomas, Ben Sener Thornton, Bridget Ann Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn Townsend, Michael David Voltz, Jason Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

Grade 9

Abdelfatah, Gisele Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Alt, Leonard Bealer, Morgan Sierra Bendall, Katherine Jill BenYehuda, Ella Bistrovich, Sydney Elise Bleskoski, Julianne Terese Bolesh, Ashley Susan Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin Carter, Ashley Knobel Carter, Brooke Kelly Centore, Bohdan Patrick Clos, Mallory Margarete Cottrell, Abigail Mae Cowin, Alexander Curtis, Julian Czaplicki, Kalista Jane Delay, Kieran Michael Dillabough, Karly Donegan, Ryan Flaherty Dwyer, Megan Feliu, Kaelin Grace Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy Gilmartin, Luke Gonnella, Olivia Goode, Aidan William Graf, Simon Michael Gwilt, Julianna Rose 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 Mayes, Shawn William McGann, Karlie Elizabeth McQueeney, Lia Clare Mersfelder, Mia Militello, Samuel Militi, Vittoria Naughton, Ryan Nowicki, Justin Jacob Olesh, Timofey Osorio, Anthony Pagano, Anthony Christopher Pawelczyk, Amanda Polcaro, Elizabeth Richardson, Brady Stephen Richmond, Olivia Jean Rizzo, Alaina Marie Robinson, Janiah Jada Roesch, Teresa Rogers, Sean Patrick Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth Rosenberger, Anna Kerr Roth, Charlotte Ryan, Aidan Christopher Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose Snyder, Mary Katherine Sondej, Andrew Starowicz, Emmet Stephenson, Sean Michael Stiner, Lucas Marcos Taber, Bradyn Shea Thabet, Ilham Varco, Enzo Giuseppe Vaughan, Abbey Walker, Delaney Jean

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019-2020

Grade 8 High Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle Allen, Bridget Claire Altheblah, Ayesha Altheblah, Hasan Borne, Gavin Reed Burdick, Bryce Griffith Caloia, Cade Anthony Campanella, Jack Salvatore Carroll, Alden Chandler, Tobias John Cognato, Nina Grace Curriden, Morgan Cameron Dabbiero, Joshua Anthony DeMore, Charles Deno, Peyton James Dimovski, Sofia Maria Edlund, Shamus Vincent Enriquez, Grace Isabel Finnerty II, Sean P. Formica, Lauren Elizabeth Goodness, Hannah Grace Gratien, Joshua Daniel Gray, Gracelyn Gross, Adriana Jane Herrera, Elle Madison Hogan, Jameson Patrick Johnson, Isabella Marie Kaczor, Carrie Grace Kestler, Michael Kleberg IV, David Dean Kleberg, Elena Rose Knohl, Caitlyn Frances Knohl, Connor Anthony Knoll, Caroline Olivia Kohanski, Morgan Emily Korrie, Alexa Kurgan, Michael Albert Lancette, Alison Taylor Lopez, Cameron James MacLachlan, Nathan Willard Madigan III, Michael Francis Mahar, Owen Michael Mahoney, Rosemary Elizabeth McClave, Miley Andra McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth McPeak, Benjamin Alfred McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine Medeiros Jr., Steven John Menon, Caroline Olivia Menon, Myra Sophie Mueller, Elizabeth Joy Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce

Pens, Grady Alwyn Phillips, Marissa Anne Plochocki, Alexander Vercingetorix Raner, Tyler James Rewakowski, Mary Katherine Robbins, Regan Elisabeth Rogers, Kathleen Margaret Roth, Helaina Elizabeth Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose Sanborn, Kemery Elizabeth Schneider, Brynn Sexton, Keegan Parker Sheridan, Patrick Thomas Sherwood, Ryan Matthew Smithers, Samuel Thomas Smyth, Shay Thomas Sparks, Julia Marie Spasevski, Gianna Isabella Stanton, Jane Catherine Stiner, Mia Stephanie Stiner, William Patrick Suddaby, Jackson William Taylor, Veronica Terek, Julianna Marie Thompson, Molly Katharine Thornton, Ellie Grace Tjaden, Hannah Lynn Walsh, Maggie Wilsch, Emma Kathleen Young, Isabel Young, Liliana Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph Zema, Rose Marie

Grade 7 High Honor

Zollo, Lauren Marie

Abdelfatah, Amana Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike Antoine, Ava Balduzzi, Emily Baty, Ava Bergett, Grace Burns, Phoebe Caputo, Jocelyn Cardoso, Anthony Carlos DeLine, William Detor, Claire Ann Dorfman, Molly Claire Esposito, Stephen Gabriel Fitzgerald, Nora Mary Gedney, Ellianna Kathleen Goral, Kaylee Ann Goral, Mya Gorman, Emma

Gumaer, Phoebe Hange, Georgia Anna Hart, Mikavla Hayes V, Robert Heindel, Alexis Marie Heise, Morgan Lindsay Henesey, Luke Holowinski, Aubrey Klamm, Jeremiah James Kodoe, Godwin LaReau, Abigail Loveless, Lillian MacBain, Sydney McGann, Julie Medeiros, Sydney Metzgar, Julian Mulholland, Owen Murphy, Emma Pawelczyk, Ashley Ramsing, Cadence Marie Rienhardt, Emily Robinson, Omar Rose, Conor James Rosenberger, Kara Scanlon, William Sheridan, Riley Sipley, Helena Eve Sisack, Emlyn Starowicz, Avery Grace Tarolli, Evangelina Grace Taylor, Emily Thabet, Ramzi Thabet, Sabri Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 6 High Honor

Aguayo, Isabella Amada Amidon, Aiden Christopher Bezigian, Violet Claire Bruzdzinski III, John Francis Buell, Addison Ann Campanella, Tyler David Carroll, Miles Alexander Carruthers, Adelynn Grace Cognato, John Michael Cowin, Maxwell Thomas Curtis, Fenris Takahiro Czaplicki, Benjamin Charles Dalton, Emily Grace Deng, Ellyana Drumm-O'Brien, Emma Lynn Eckert, Anna Mary Ganley, Caroline Eloise Gilhooley, Brendan William Goode, Delaney Christa

Paetow, Emma

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019-2020

Grade 6 High Honor continued

Goode, Hadley Martha Goodness, Jackson Edward Gorman, Grace Mary Hayes, John Edward Hayes, Selina Kathryn Hoffman, Sophia Rose Holleran, Liam Daniel Holstein, Eric Vaughn Hunt, Thomas John Jackson, Anna May King, Kayleigh Joan Lopez, Collin Ramiro MacLachlan, Katherine Jane May, Ella McKeon, Hunter Robert Mondo, Andrew Jacob Napolitano, Stella Camille

Parry, Eleanor Rose Pellegrino, Brandon Michael Pens, Kellen Shepherd

Perry, Alexa Jordyn Pope, Sienna Prince, Elias Ramos, Carlos Rice, Lorenzo Roach, Meara Iade Rudiger, Abigail Leyden Ryan, Molly Kathleen Sadowski, Andrew James

Olesh, Anita

Sainsbury, Claire Elizabeth Sainsbury, Ryan Edmund Scarfino, Dominic Francis Schmitz, Lily Marie

Sierotnik, Christopher John Jr.

Sisson, Kevin Edward Snyder, Amie Helen Snyder, Meghan Elizabeth Sommer, Adele Kathryn Soule, Madelyn Rose Sparks, Olivia Michelle

Speer, Trinity Stroman, Peter Edward Talbot, Mya Irene Thabet, Layal Adam Thabet, Rudayna Nagib Turner, Braelyn Elizabeth Tyszka, Alexander Raymond Valerino, Angelina Marie Vaughan, Margaret Colleen

Wilbur, Jena Marie Wright, Reagan Cathryn Young, Katherine Rose

Ward, Alexis Veronica

Grade 8 Honor

Amorese, Vincent Stefan Battista, Megan Elizabeth Carfagno, Sophia Ann Cassoni, Allyssa Clarry, Adam Cottrell, Catherine Grace Darling, Damon Lukas DeSanto, Emma Etoll, Owen Charlie Falcone, Taylor Kathleen Lasher, Ava Mary Leonardo, Isabel Christine Maines, Owen Daniel Monthei-Bryant, Jacob Nojaim, Carlos Daniel Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth Rivas-Velazguez, Nyleishka Aileen Saini, Danish Spencer, Taylor Anna Van Epps, Jack Brendan White, Azaria Williams, Jaedan

Grade 7 Honor

Adams, Alexandra Malaya Agley, Lucas Allen, Tate Alt, Maille Mae Andrella, Dylan Bleskoski, Jordin Beth Bova, Michael James Cowin, Timothy Donegan, Sophia Driesbach, Caleb Eldred, Zane Ferrer-Menendez, Emma Lira Getz, Austin William Glatt, Cameron Joseph Glover, Michael Griffin, Maxwell Sean Jetter, Siena Joyce, Camaryn

Juman, Eli Stuart Kelly, Caleigh Grace Kelly, Colin William Kimball, Lauren Macko, Jacob Mathews, Camryn Jaye

Mattox, Aliyah Elizabeth

Murphy, Jonathan Immanuel Michael

Pease, Jack Ryan Pichoske, Thaddeus Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria Roesch, Elizabeth Rose

Sampo, Anthony Richard Scheel, Nicholas Shiel, Colin Rvan Simpson, Juakin Kareem Stanton, Laura Rose Valenti, Claire Elisabeth Valenti, Roman Paul Vashchishin, Anna Williams, Amaya

Grade 6 Honor

Alogaily, Sultan Abdulrahman Amorese, Gabriel Paul Buckley, Grace Marie Clark, Riley Paige Colon, Aaliyah Currier, Tahjiar Marquis D'Agostino, Elizabeth Mary Downs, Blake Aaron Franco, Mason Richard Goodwin, Zachary James Hamel, Lawrence Matthew Kaczor, Stella Claire Kincaid, Cormac James Kohanski, Adriana Julia Lippert, Lily Mae Maines, Aiden Militi, Eva Concetta Mullen, Eileen Ortiz, Leila Susan Pervea, Javden Richardson, Carter William Satalin, Erin Elizabeth Sewall, Marjala Shanahan, Kari Ann Shepherd, Ellis Jaxon Shewchuk, Aurora Grace Snyder, Samantha Anne Somers, Adelynn Rose Stephenson, Matthew Swierk, Paige Marie Wilson, Carter Wayne Winkler, Avery Catherine

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Doug Hutson Student Leadership Award

The Doug Hutson Student Leadership Award was established to honor Doug Hutson, retired principal of Onondaga Hill Middle School, who dedicated nearly 20 years to the Westhill School District. Each year, one 8th grade girl and one 8th grade boy are selected according to the established selection criteria, which include standing up for others, making good choices and treating others with respect and compassion. This year's winners are Sofia Dimovski and Bryce Burdick. Congratulations!





Tara McMahon Award

The Tara McMahon Award was established to honor Tara who was a well-known student who passed away in 2016. One 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl are selected each year to honor Tara. The criteria include, passion for music, caring and compassionate, includes peers in activities and willing to help others. This year's Tara McMahon winners are Shamus Edlund and Lily Young. Congratulations!





Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

May June

5th Grade: Lucas DeLine is a very hard working and empathetic student. He put a lot of effort into his 5th grade year including the distance learning work. He is always willing to put in extra time to make sure he does his best work. His classmates enjoy his sense of humor!

6th Grade: Madelyn Soule brought the school community to life despite the challenges of distance learning. She brightened her teachers' and peers' week by creating cheerful videos every Friday, all while turning in outstanding work of her own! She was the first to celebrate a classmate's birthday virtually or give a technological helping hand during a Google Meet. Madelyn's teachers are so proud of her!

7th Grade: Liam DeLine really went above and beyond with distance learning. He completed assignments on-time, asked for help when needed, joined any real-time interactive activity that was posted and was always polite when emailing/messaging. Way to knock distance learning out of the park, Liam!

8th Grade: Caroline and Myra Menon have been great additions to OHMS. While each are unique in their own way, they are both really hard working and very enthusiastic about learning. They are always eager to go above and beyond in all they do. They are kind, helpful to peers and teachers, musically talented, responsible and have a positive attitude!

5th Grade: Brooke Allen is very kind and considerate to all of her teachers and classmates. She worked very hard during distance learning. She was a part of every Google Meet and completed every assignment. Brooke checked in and asked questions to make sure she was on the right track.

6th Grade: Layal Thabet persevered throughout distance learning. She always went above and beyond with anything that she did in school or with distance learning. Layal is thoughtful and kind to her classmates and teachers. She always has a smile on her face. Layal exhibits so many P2 character traits on a daily basis.

<u>7th Grade</u>: Ava Antoine is conscientious and is actively engaged in learning whether it's distance learning or in the classroom. She is mature, hard working, conscientious and kind to everyone. Keep up the hard work, Ava!

8th Grade: Shay Smyth has grown in leaps and bounds during his middle school years. He always has a smile on his face and has a great sense of humor. He has demonstrated tremendous effort and participation both in the classroom and through distance learning. Many of his peers (and teachers) admire his athleticism and coordination. And boy can he juggle.

Moving Up Night

Thanks to our parent volunteers led by Kerry Lopez and our teachers/staff, OHMS held a Moving Up Night celebration on Thursday, June 10 for our 8th grade students. Each student was announced as they officially "moved up" to the high school. The students received a Class of 2024 backpack with the class video and the class of 2024 t-shirt. It was a great night to see our students again prior to them moving onto the high school.



Cherry Road School

And The Winners Are...

At the culmination of every school year, Cherry Road honors our fourth grade students with two different awards. The Marion Parsons Achievement Award is awarded to a boy and girl in the fourth grade class that exemplifies the qualities Mrs. Parsons held most dear to her. Having a high moral character, being a well-developed citizen, achieving scholastically across the year and having a set of diversified interests all make students eligible for this award. This award recipient is determined through a collaboration between the fourth grade teachers and the administrator at Cherry Road School.

The Ronald Hill School Spirit Award is awarded to a separate fourth grade boy and girl that demonstrate exemplary character traits that Mr. Hill exemplified while principal at Cherry Road. Some of these traits include kindness, patience, empathy, a sensitivity towards fairness, a willingness to help others, being able to persevere when presented with challenges, as well as demonstrating a good sense of humor. This award recipient is also determined through a collaboration between fourth grade teachers and the administrator at Cherry Road School.

For the 2019- 2020 school year, the staff at Cherry Road would like to honor the following students:

Marion Parsons Achievement Award Winners

Emma Collacchi and Will Tyszka

Ronald Hill School Spirit Award Winners

Julia Flegel and Jack Carruth









A Closing To Remember

As we were not able to come together as normal for our 4th grade moving on ceremony this year, the Cherry Road team, working with WEST, created an individualized moving on event for each 4th grader. Each student and their family had the opportunity to sign up for a time to come to the school to take their moving on picture on the front steps of the school. After that, each student was greeted by their teacher and the WEST organization and received a small "goodie bag" filled with fun gifts to mark this occasion. This event allowed each student a personal moment to say goodbye to their teacher and the school they have spent the last three years in. We wish all our 4th graders well as they move on to the Onondaga Hill Middle School and will certainly miss them all!

Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools

Flag Day

On May 12 Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools celebrated Flag Day in style. While the pandemic has forced many changes and cancellations this year, Mr. Auge and Mr. King along with our teams of teachers were determined not to let this time honored tradition be canceled simply because we had to observe social distancing guidelines. The Walberta Park and Cherry Road teams were able to reinvent this celebration through revamping the format of our traditional parade and singalong. Instead of parading through the streets of Westvale, all teachers gathered on the lawn and sidewalk around Cherry Road School and the families paraded by in their cars for our first ever Flag Day drive through parade. Here students and their families were able to see all of the K-4 staff dressed in their red, white and blue in person for one last time before ending their school year. The parade route ended by cars passing under a large flag suspended from an arch created by two Solvay Fire Department ladder trucks, making this event extra special for all that participated. In addition to the parade, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Cololuca, assisted by Mrs. Backus, created a patriotic art and music compilation video featuring the work and voices of Walberta Park and Cherry Road students. This video was released to all families on Flag



Day and is posted on the Cherry Road website for the community to view.

Staff Appreciation

Our amazing parents found ways to appreciate the staff in a pandemic.



Google Meets

Though we were physically apart, students and staff found ways to connect. Google Meets were great for learning and connecting socially.



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Reopening Planning

As this Hill and Vale goes to print, planning for the reopening of school is in full swing. Department of Health and State Education Department guidelines were released last week, which are determining eventual plan details. Student and staff health and safety are the driving forces in the planning. Plans to accommodate in person learning as well as provisions for distance learning and a hybrid model are being developed. Whether in person or through a distance learning platform, the safety of students and staff must drive the planning and delivery model.

Plan submission to New York State is due July 31st and will be posted to our website on that same day. Regardless of the plan's detail, we should all expect it to become a living document as health conditions, executive orders, and modifications become apparent throughout the year. The one thing we have all learned is that change is the constant. School will not look or feel the same as we have been accustomed to for so many years.

A link to the New York State Education Department guidance document can be found on the District's homepage.

2020-2021 Districtwide Safety Plan

The draft 2020-2021 Districtwide Safety Plan is available on the district's website and open for public comment. In accordance with NYS Public Officers Law §104, a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Education of the Westhill Central School District on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Room 4 of the Walberta Park Elementary School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse NY 13219 for review and discussion prior to adoption of the plan. This Public Hearing will precede the regular Board of Education meeting.

Congratulations, Retirees!

Lisa Callisto, Health Aide
Marcia Cornell, Science
Mary DeTomaso, Food Services Helper II/
Cook I
Gordon Erwin, English Language Arts
Katherine Irving, Health Aide
Cathy King, Special Education
Karen Lipke, Elementary
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