

## **Graduation Honors**

## Valedictorian



With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.556, Isabella Jones is the Westhill High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian. Isabella has maintained an extremely rigorous course schedule throughout high school and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish 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. Isabella also received the Principal's Scholarship Award. Outside of the classroom, Isabella is an accomplished athlete, musician and performer. She was a member of the girls' soccer team, girls' golf team and played a lead role in the musical. Isabella won the Theatre Star Award, Choral Star Award and Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award for her contributions to those programs. Isabella plans to attend Boston College in the fall, majoring in biology. Congratulations to Isabella Jones for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian!

## Salutatorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.111, Brian Kenny is the Class of 2022 Salutatorian. Brian has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for music. He is a 2022 recipient of the NYSED Academic Excellence Award, the NYS Comptroller Achievement Award, the Excellence in the Study of Mathematics Award and the Section III Scholar Athlete Award. Brian is also a talented athlete, participating in our soccer, cross country and indoor and outdoor track programs during his four years at Westhill High School. Brian was also a member of the math team. Brian will attend SUNY Geneseo in the fall majoring in international relations with the intention of working in the field of international politics. He will also be running cross country and track at Geneseo. Congratulations to Brian Kenny for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2022 Salutatorian!



## Most Outstanding Seniors

The Most Outstanding Senior Awards are a tradition established by the founders of the Westhill Central School District. Students who are named Most Outstanding Seniors receive such honors because they have been identified as representing the entire Westhill High School program. They not only achieve academically, but 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 Seniors.

Francesca (Franny) Argentieri was selected as a Class of 2022 Most Outstanding Senior. Franny earned an academic GPA of 95.125, having completed Honors level and OCC course work during her high school career. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Technical Honor Society and served as class president of her junior and senior class. As class president, Franny played a key role in planning and promoting junior prom, senior ball and other year-end activities. Franny was a member of our varsity soccer and lacrosse teams and our FBLA/DECA team. She will attend Northwestern University in the fall, studying broadcast journalism with the intention of working in the area of sports broadcasting. Congratulations to Francesca Argentieri for being selected as a 2022 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Senior!







Liam Mahar was also selected as a Class of 2022 Most Outstanding Senior. Liam graduated with a 101.833 academic GPA and will attend Boston College, majoring in biology with the intention of pursuing a career in scientific research. Liam completed Honors level, AP, OCC and SUPA course work during his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society as well as the Teen Institute and Character Education clubs. Liam was awarded the NYS Academic Excellence Award and won the Old English "W" Award for the fourth year in a row. Athletically, Liam participated in hockey and baseball over his four years at Westhill High School. Congratulations to Liam Mahar for being selected as a 2022 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Senior!

## Old English "W" Recipients

The Old English "W" is a traditional Westhill award bestowed on the individual 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

Helena Sipley 103.533 Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe 104.0662

#### 10th grade

Elizabeth McPeak 103.5998 (2nd year in a row) Cade Caloia 103.133

#### 11th grade

Charlotte Roth 103.1332 (3rd year in a row) Bodie Centore 102.8662

#### 12th grade

Isabella Jones 103.8662 (4th Year in a row) Liam Mahar 103.7998



### Warriors of the Month

#### May

<u>9th Grade</u>: Joey Pirong is one of the kindest students. He is unfailingly polite, charming and respectful to teachers and to his fellow students. He understands that not everyone is perfect and kindly reminds forgetful teachers of things they should have remembered. Joey brightens the day of anyone who crosses his path.

<u>10th Grade</u>: Taden Chester has done a remarkable job throughout the year of improving his abilities and living up to his potential. Taden has raised his grade each marking period, has become a leader in the classroom and helps guide the class through discussions. He has become a more enthusiastic student as well and really engages in the material. It has been a pleasure this year to watch his growth as a student and as an individual.

<u>11th Grade</u>: Lamar McIntyre demonstrated bravery and compassion recently when a group of students noticed a crow attacking a smaller bird outside. Although students were saying that someone needed to help the small bird, Lamar was the one who actually took action and ran to the nurse to get gloves. He then picked up the small bird and brought him to a safe place. His kindness toward this small, helpless animal and bravery in front of his peers deserve recognition as they speak to his good nature and integrity. Lamar is the epitome of showing that "other people and creatures" matter!

<u>12th Grade</u>: Abby Miggiani is an outstanding student academically and has demonstrated mature leadership as a contributing member of our student body all four years. She has participated in book club throughout high school and served as the president of the club this year. In her P2 group, she consistently volunteers and works diligently on any project providing a great model for younger students. She is diligent and thoughtful and will be missed next year!

## Athletes Succeed this Spring

What a successful spring for the Westhill Warrior athletic teams! This spring the Warriors earned three OHSL league championships, four Section III championships and two New York State Regional championships. Here is the breakdown of the Warriors team accomplishments this spring:

Boys' Lacrosse – Section III "Class C" Champions, NYS Regional Champions Girls' Lacrosse – OHSL "Class D" League Champions Baseball – Section III "Class B" Champions, NYS Regional Champions Girls' Track and Field – OHSL League Champions, Section III "Class B1" Champions Boys' Track and Field - Section III "Class B1" Champions Girls' Golf – OHSL League Champions

The Warriors also had many individual successes this spring. Catherine Dadey and Anthony Maglisco both qualified to participate in the Golf NYS Championships. Ashley Bolesh, Kate Bendall, Angie Mesa-Espinosa and Elle Herrera finished second in the 4 x 100 meter relay at the NYS Championships. Ashley Bolesh finished second in the 400-meter run at the NYS Championships and earned sixth place in the Federation 400-meter run.

Congratulations to all of our student athletes on an unprecedented spring season. It was a great spring to be a Warrior!





### Athletes Honored by Section III

On Monday, June 13, at The SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College, Section III recognized two of Westhill's finest student athletes. Surrounded by their families and coaches, Westhill seniors, Brian Kenny and Hannah Starowicz, were honored by Section III as Senior Scholar Athletes. This event is an opportunity for Section III to honor selected scholar athletes for their accomplishments in academics and athletics. Hannah is a three-sport varsity athlete participating in cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. Hannah will be furthering her academic career at York College of Pennsylvania in the fall. Brian is also a three-sport letter winner in cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. Brian will be continuing his education at SUNY Geneseo. We would like to congratulate Hannah and Brian for their exceptional achievements throughout their high school careers, and wish them much success in the future.



#### Grade 12

Abedrabbah, Zarifeh Adams, Abigail Katherine Adams, Alanna Michelle Alberts, Alexandra Helene Allen, Brian Alexander Allen, Corine Ceresa Argentieri, Francesca Eade Balduzzi, Sarah Marie Battista, Kaylin Amanda Benderski, Sofia Stefana Bistrovich, Sydney Elise Burdick, Tyson Douglas Burkett, Travis Michael Campbell, Tyler Gage Cardoso, Isabella Grace Carroll, Delaney Rose Castracane, Anthony Michael Centore, Sofia Grace Colucci, Rachel D'Agostino, Ryan Andrew Dadey, Catherine Daniul, Geoffrey Donovan Dhamoon, Harsimran Douglas, Jayson Alexander Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth Elias, Angelina Rose Formica, Charlotte Marilyn Fountain, Kendall Marie Gangemi, Emily Jo Gorman, Emma Kathryn Grabau, William John 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 Khan, Audnan Wadut Knoll, Charles James LoFaro, Nicole Loose, Kassidy Rae Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth MacCaull, Kyle Matthew Mahar, Liam Patrick Mannion, Brady O'Brien

Mathews, Alvin McGlynn, Ella Marie McMahon, Clare Caitlin McQueeney, Julia Noel Metzgar, Quinton Khan Miggiani, Abigail Chloe Milham, Julia Pauline Mulholland, Brandon Ostuni, Jordyn Rae Patrie, Colleen Theresa Pecheny, Natalia Pens, Quinn Maria Pilkay, Olivia Isabel Pirong, Jonathan Gerald Rosati, Marisa Olivia Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph Russell, Julia Marie Sampo, Isabella Grace Satalin, John Ryan Stanton, John Thomas Starowicz, Hannah Louise Thornton, Bridget Ann Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn Vanderhoff, Hailey J. Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth Winkler, Grace Breason Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

#### Grade 11

Abdelfatah, Gisele Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Antoine, Olivia Maive Bealer, Morgan Sierra Bendall, Katherine Jill Bergett, Alexis Rose Bleskoski, Julianne Terese Bolesh, Ashley Susan Bryant, Keegan Michael Brzostowski, Mikayla Rose Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin Carter, Ashley Knobel Centore, Bohdan Patrick Clos, Mallory Margarete Colon, Gisselle Anais Cottrell, Abigail Mae Cowin, Alexander Curtis, Julian Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine Czaplicki, Kalista Jane DeFabbio, Michael Derrick, James Robert Dillabough, Karly

Donegan, Ryan Flaherty Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy Galante, Joseph Gonnella, Olivia Goode, Aidan William Hagrman, Katelyn Anne Holowinski, Olivia Marie Horner, Lizzie Kelly, McKenna Eileen Kerr, Aiden Jay Kinsella, Lilvanna Klamm, Domenica Marie Lowery, Adelaide Margaret Lubel, Margaret Anna Markham, Iris Mary Mayes, Shawn William McGann, Karlie Elizabeth McKeon, Madison Rose McQueeney, Lia Clare Militello, Samuel Militi, Vittoria Naughton, Ryan Nicoll, Baillie Olesh, Timofey Osorio, Anthony Pagano, Anthony Christopher Pawelczyk, Amanda Petrone, Benjamin David Polcaro, Elizabeth Robinson, Janiah Jada 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 Speer, Olivia Starowicz, Emmet Stephenson, Sean Michael Stewart, Sincere Jamir Stiner, Lucas Marcos Taber, Bradyn Shea Thabet, Ilham Varco, Enzo Giuseppe Vaughan, Abbey Walker, Delaney Jean Young, Devin Thomas

#### Grade 10

Allahar, Gabrielle Allen, Bridget Claire Altheblah, Ayesha Altheblah, Hasan Amorese, Vincent Stefan Battista, Megan Elizabeth Borne, Gavin Reed Burdick, Bryce Griffith Caloia, Cade Anthony Campanella, Jack Salvatore Campbell, Ryan Michael Carfagno, Sophia Ann Carson, Kendall Grace Chester, Taden Jace Cottrell, Catherine Grace Craven, Ryley Curriden, Morgan Cameron Deno, Peyton James DeSanto, Emma Dimovski, Sofia Maria Enriquez, Grace Isabel Evans, Rachel Maffei Falcone, Taylor Kathleen Finnerty, Sean Patrick Goodness, Hannah Grace Gray, Gracelyn Herrera, Elle Madison Hogan, Jameson Patrick Johnson, Isabella Marie Kaczor, Carrie Grace Kleberg IV, David Dean Kleberg, Elena Rose Knohl, Caitlyn Frances Knoll, Caroline Olivia Korrie, Alexa Lancette, Alison Taylor Lasher, Ava Mary Leonardo, Isabel Christine Lopez, Cameron James Mahar, Owen Michael Maines, Owen Daniel McClave, Miley Andra McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth McPeak, Benjamin Alfred McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine Medeiros, Steven John Mueller, Elizabeth Joy Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce Pens, Grady Alwyn

Phillips, Marissa Anne Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth Robbins, Regan Elisabeth Rogers, Kathleen Margaret Roth, Helaina Elizabeth Saini, Danish Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose Saya-Pucello, Adriana Jane Schneider, Brynn Sexton, Keegan Parker Smithers, Samuel Thomas Smyth, Shay Thomas Sparks, Julia Marie Spasevski, Gianna Isabella Stiner, William Patrick Stiner, Zero Suddaby, Jackson William Taylor, Veronica Terek, Julianna Marie Thomas, A'my Uday Thompson, Molly Katharine Thornton, Ellie Grace Tjaden, Hannah Lynn White, Azaria Wilsch, Emma Kathleen Young, Isabel Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph Zema, Rose Marie

#### Grade 9

Abdelfatah, Amana Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike Allen, Tate Alt, Maille Mae Antoine, Ava Balduzzi, Emily Baty, Ava Bergett, Grace Burkett, Samantha Burns, Phoebe Caputo, Jocelyn Cardoso, Anthony Carlos Colangelo, Anabelle Alice Cusimano, Rocco Nicholas DeLine, William Detor, Claire Ann Dorfman, Molly Claire Eldred, Zane Esposito, Stephen Gabriel Fitzgerald, Nora Mary Goral, Mya

Gorman, Emma Griffin, Maxwell Sean Gumaer, Phoebe Hange, Georgia Anna Heise, Morgan Lindsay Henesey, Luke Holowinski, Aubrey Jetter, Siena Kelly, Caleigh Grace Kimball, Lauren Klamm, Jeremiah James MacBain, Sydney Marshall, Emma McGann, Julie Medeiros, Sydney Merrick, Thomas Metzgar, Julian Moro, Breyanna Nicole Mulholland, Owen Pichoske, Thaddeus Popp, Edward Thomas Ramsing, Cadence Marie Rienhardt, Emily Robinson, Omar Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria Rose, Conor James Rosenberger, Kara Scanlon, William Scheel, Nicholas Sheridan, Riley Patrick Sipley, Helena Starowicz, Avery Grace Tarolli, Evangelina Grace Taylor, Emily Thabet, Ramzi Thabet, Sabri Valenti, Roman Paul

## **Onondaga Hill Middle School**

## Doug Hutson Leadership Award

The Doug Hutson Leadership Award was established in 2012 to honor Mr. Hutson for his dedication of nearly 20 years as Onondaga Hill Middle School's principal. The winners who are chosen by the faculty, represent the values Mr. Hutson tried to instill in his students; making good choices, being respectful and showing character to name a few. This year's winners are Ben Czaplicki and Trinity Speer.

### Tara McMahon Award

The OHMS Parent Council established the Tara McMahon award in memory of Tara, a beloved OHMS student, who passed away. The school and Parent Council wanted to remember the characteristics of Tara with two annual winners from the 8th grade class. The faculty selected two students that exemplified her passion for music, displayed a caring attitude and included their peers in activities. This year's winners are Adelynn Somers and Lorenzo Rice.

## Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award

The Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award has been established to honor the enduring legacy of Kathy Tompkins by retired and current staff members of Onondaga Hill Middle School. As a beloved teacher and friend, she inspired those around her, especially young singers and theater lovers during her 24 year career as music teacher at Onondaga Hill Middle School. Mrs. Tompkins was known by all for her kindness and compassion, as well as her tenacity in inspiring students to shine. This year's winners are Molly Ryan and Sophia Hoffman.

### **Field Days**

On Wednesday, June 22, students from Onondaga Hill Middle School participated in school-wide field days! Students were broken into different teams and competed for their color. They had a chance to do everything from threelegged racing, name that tune, human ring toss, basketball shootout, musical chairs and relay racing. It was a perfect day for our students to work together, have some fun and celebrate the end of our school year. A special thank you to Alyssa Milligan for all of her efforts in organizing this event. It was a huge success!

### Snap

As the year comes to an end, a few groups of 7th graders went into all 6th grade rooms to share tips for a successful transition from 6th to 7th grade.

7th grade is a SNAP if you... Stay Organized enjoy New opportunities Apply yourself show Pride





## **Onondaga Hill Middle School**

## Bottle and Can Drive for Ukraine

After returning from February break, Mrs. Hathaway's and Mrs. DuBois's homeroom students wanted to learn about the war in Ukraine. After discussions about the complexity of this war, the uncertainty of what would happen next and the inspirational resolve of the Ukrainians to defend themselves, the class wanted to be able to do something to help.

Inspired by our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Ta, who recently raised money for humanitarian aid in Ukraine, the class wanted to do the same. As a result, they decided to collect returnable bottles and cans over the course of a week and donate all of the money collected to a charity that benefited the people of Ukraine. During our bottle and can collection week, our students worked hard after school each day to collect bottles and cans from locations throughout the school building, which included many afternoons of sorting through garbage bags. Additionally, many families donated bags of bottles and cans, which were collected on the final day.



As a result of our students' hard work, we were able to return 6,452 bottles and cans. In addition to some monetary donations, our donation total came to \$605.26. After collecting this money, the students researched different charities and then selected the one that we believed best benefitted the Ukrainian people. As a result, our money will be donated to Sunflower of Peace, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to provide medical and humanitarian aid for paramedics and doctors in the areas that are affected by the violence in Ukraine. With the money that we donate, they will acquire and distribute first-aid backpacks, medicine, and medical instruments.

We are extremely proud of and thankful for all of the students, families and staff members who helped make this possible! The concern and generosity our students have shown is to be admired!

### 5th Graders Visit Camp Talooli

Fifth graders enjoyed a day of learning at Camp Talooli. The camp, located in nearby Pennellville, provided a rustic setting for outdoor educational activities. Students had the opportunity to build and launch their own rockets, explore Lake Temalo for lakelife and build teamwork skills while paddling their canoes around the lake. The trip was topped off with s'mores by the campfire, yum! Thanks to Jeff Peneston and his team for making sure our fifth grades had a great day in the great outdoors!



## OHMS Honor Roll 2020-2021 Quarter 4

#### Grade 8 High Honor

Aguayo, Isabella Amidon, Aiden Anderson, Elizabeth Bruzdzinski III, John Cognato, John Czaplicki, Benjamin Eckert, Anna Forian, Gage Ganley, Caroline Goode, Delaney Goode, Hadley Goodness, Jackson Gorman, Grace Hoffman, Sophia Holleran, Liam Holstein, Eric Jackson, Anna Kenny, Ronan Kenny, Tiernan King, Kayleigh Kohanski, Adriana Lopez, Collin Napolitano, Stella Olesh, Anita Parry, Eleanor Pens, Kellen Perry, Alexa Pope, Sienna Prince, Elias Reilley, Olivia Ren, Jiayi Rice, Lorenzo Roach, Meara Ryan, Molly Sadowski, Andrew Sainsbury, Claire Scarfino, Dominic Schmitz, Lily Shepherd, Ellis Somers, Adelynn Sommer, Adele Soule, Madelyn Sparks, Olivia Speer, Trinity Swierk, Paige Thabet, Layal Thabet, Rudayna Turner, Braelyn Tyszka, Alexander Vaughan, Margaret Ward, Alexis

Wilbur, Jena Wright, Reagan Young, Katherine

#### Grade 8 Honor

Amorese, Gabriel Austin, Cole Bragg, Dyonte Buckley, Grace Buell, Addison Campanella, Tyler Carroll, Miles Carruthers, Adelynn Clark, Riley Curtis, Fenris D'Agostino, Elizabeth Downs, Blake Drumm-O'Brien, Emma Franco, Mason Gilhooley, Brendan Goodwin, Zachary Haves, Selina Hunt, Thomas Kaczor, Stella Kincaid, Cormac Langham, Allison Mann, Mackenzie McKeon, Hunter Militi, Eva Mondo, Andrew Mullen, Eileen Ortiz, Leila Ramos, Carlos Raner, McKenzie Richardson, Carter Rudiger, Abigail Sainsbury, Ryan Shephard, Madicine Snyder, Samantha Stephenson, Matthew Stroman, Peter Valerino, Angelina Vitale, Dominic Wallace, Caleb Wilson, Carter Winkler, Avery

#### Grade 7 High Honor

Alberts, Adeline Allen, Max Altheblah, Brahim Bagnell, Tatum

Bruzdzinski, Lottie Cardoso, Nicolas Choe, Austin Clarry, Bryson Colangelo, Samantha Conroy, Mackenzie D'Agostino, Claire DeLine, Lucas DeTomaso, Giana Detor, Mary Domick, Isabella Gallardo, Isabella Gehm, Tyler Gray, Owen Henesey, Matthew Ide, Caitlin Jackson, Jake Kelly, Claire Kelly, Teagan Kimball, Samantha Kinney, Mary Krenrich, Kaitlin McNeilly, Hazel Montalto, Adelina Murphy, Kaylin Murphy, Lucy Nagraj, Mariana Pawelczyk, Allison Rogers, Reagan Rouse, Brielle Shephard, Mathew Soule, Eva Spasevski, Ivana Thabet, Dhuha Vashchishin, Samuel Walker, Elyse West, Emma Wilmot, Owen Young, Daniel Young, Trevor Zuckerman, Zoe

#### Grade 7 Honor

Abdallah, Sadeen Allen, Brooke Chandler, Samantha Columbus, Kailyn Conley, Colleen Crawford, Lane DeMore, Lucy Ellis, Christine Enright, Aaliyah

Etoll, Grady Finnerty, Ryan Frasier, Jackson Headd, John-Paul Herne, Louis Hodkinson, Anna Horning, Grace Johnson, Sophia Johnston, Liam Kodoe, Andrea-Ann Lasher, Sophia MacLachlan, Thomas MacMaster, Natalie McGann, Sean McRae, Ayanah Moore, James Pease, Logan Primiano, Eulalia Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne Rowley, Nevaeh Ruski, Serenity Rvan, Elliette Scanlon, Charles Singh, Harjot Sobotka, Mariusz Taylor, Addison Thabet, Edhem Thompkins, Amora

#### Grade 6 High Honor

Abraham, Bilal Aguayo, Sophia Almamari, Shahd Athanas, Andrew Auringer, Schuyler Belcore, Rosella Bezigian, Frederick Brunson, Jasmine Buckman, Skylar Buell, Sydney Carroll, Daniel Carruth, John Cassalia, Patrick Centore, Angelina Chaddock, Evan Cognato, Averie Coleman, Reilly Collacchi, Emma Columbus, Hannah Culligan, Brea Davidson, Owen DeFabbio, Sophia

## OHMS Honor Roll 2020-2021 Quarter 4

#### Grade 6 High Honor Contiued

Delay, Clare Dixon, Reagan Dowd, Cameron Eldred, Jade Flegel, Julia Francisco, Dean Franco, Maxwell Gaines, Lyla Ganley, Daniel Gerasimovich, Isabella Glatt, Samantha Glover, Charles Glover, Henry Gridley, Dylan Hange, Brooke Jaquint, Stone Kelly, Quinn Keyes, Makayla Lane, Aveyah Lin, Cayla MacMaster, Kaylie Maestri, David Marceau, Adrien Marinelli, Joseph Martini, Marah Mathews, Leigh McMahon, Emmett Mercurio, Rider Mondo, Melissa Morales, Willa

Morse, Shealyn Napolitano, Sabine Ososkalo, Matthew Parry, Evangeline Pichoske, Nicholas Platt, Hayden Presley, Alexandra Rewakowski, Andrew Root, Addison Ross, Caleb Scarfino, Stella Scott, Khloe Scozzari, Samuel Seitz, Noah Shepherd, Rhys Sommer, Clara Spinner, Kaleigha Starowicz, Fiona Straub, Emily Stroman, Grace Tarolli, Thomas Tjaden, Julia Tremblay, Addyson Tyszka, William Viscome, Cailin Zheng, Winnie Ziober, Beckham

#### Grade 6 Honor

Alhanini, Mahmoud Auge, Emmerson Beal, JreShawn Bova, Sophia Brown, Jordon Burke, Jameson Ceu, Nun Diaz, Naomi Donegan, Redd Dunbar, Teagan Fogarty, Emma Fuller, Emma Fuller, Tyler Gaffney, Liam Grosso, Eva Guralny, Dalton Hubert, Daniel Hubler, Evan Ibrahim, Ahmad Ketchum, Havden Lirley, Cayden Maines, Dawson Martin, Scott Mesa Espinosa, Ariana Obaid, Ibraheem Pratt, Jackson Ritz, Leo Rodriguez, Brooklyn Satalin, David Schug, McKenzie Weaver, Azhawn Williams, Xavier Wilson, Blake

## Students of the Month

#### May

<u>5th Grade</u>: Connor Friend brings a fun, positive, hardworking and enthusiastic attitude to class everyday. His enthusiasm radiates to those around him, and he's always willing to give something a try even if it may be difficult at first. He is a truly caring classmate who makes sure everyone is included, and is just overall a great kid for teachers and other students to be around.

<u>6th Grade</u>: Rhys Sheppherd is a very hard worker. He gives 120% to anything he does. He shows respect to everyone he interacts with. His sense of humor is a bright spot, and he utilizes this to bring people together within the school community. This sense of humor allows him to lighten the mood with his peers when things may be tense. This year Rhys has demonstrated these P2 traits, and they represent part of who he is as a person.

<u>7th Grade</u>: Mary Kinney is very kind and accepting to all of her peers. She is polite and insightful. She even has the ability to make her peers smile.

<u>8th Grade</u>: Andrew Sadowski is friendly and helpful to his peers. He always puts in his best effort when completing his work. In class, he is always attentive and on-task. He is kind hearted, polite and patient with others.

## Cherry Road School

### Marion Parsons Achievement Award

The Marion Parsons Achievement Award is awarded to two students in the fourth grade class that exemplify 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. The award recipients are determined through a collaboration between the second, third and fourth grade teachers, along with specials teachers, teaching assistants and the administrator at Cherry Road School. This year's winners are Quest Kelly and Tobi Konkol.



### Mileage Club

Ron Hill School Spirit Award

The Ronald Hill School Spirit Award is awarded to two fourth grade students 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 and being able to persevere when presented with challenges as well as demonstrating a good sense of humor. The award recipients are also determined through a collaboration between all fourth grade teachers, specials teachers, teaching assistants and the administrator at Cherry Road School. The 2021-2022 school year winners for the Ronald Hill School Spirit Award are Charlie Cassidy and Jane Eischen.



Every Thursday this spring, 108 second and third grade students came to school early to begin their morning running. Mr. Connelly and Mr. Hoag helped our students get their healthy steps in before the school day began. Great job to all of the students that were motivated to get out and get moving!





## Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools

### **Baltimore Woods**

During the months of May and June, third graders went on a field trip to Baltimore Woods to explore pond and stream ecology. Students discovered the many different kinds of organisms that live in streams, ponds and underneath old logs. They ended their day with a picnic! Fun and learning was had by all!



## Moving Up

First grade students celebrated Moving Up Day with a ceremony at WPS. Students walked across the stage and received stickers from WPS principal, Dr. Kramer, and CRS principal, Mr. Auge. We wish them the best of luck as they move up to second grade at CRS. Pictured is the entire first grade class on the WPS playground, who will be graduating from WHS in 2033!





## June Days

June Days were a big hit for kindergarten and first grade students at Walberta Park School. Flag Day and Field Days were among the favorites! A HUGE thank you to WEST for the many ways they made June Days extra special for our students. Pictured here are the students in Mrs. DeMatties' class.



## Walberta Park School

## Domino Day Charity Event

### Switch and Read

This June, Walberta Park School students collected hundreds of boxes of food for a charity drive. Before the items were boxed up for disbursement, parent group, WEST, set up an enormous domino chain of the food boxes in the school gymnasium. School principal, Dr. Kramer, set off the domino chain that was shaped like a "W" and spanned the width of the gym. Students loved seeing all the boxes fall, and it was a great way to celebrate giving to others in need.



WPS students enjoyed a yearly tradition called Switch and Read Day. During the event, first grade students returned to their kindergarten classrooms and their kindergarten teacher read them a story. Students loved seeing their teacher from last year! Kindergarten students traveled to first grade and enjoyed a story with a first grade teacher. Pictured is kindergarten teacher, Ms. York, and her kindergarten class from the 2020-2021 school year.



### **Kindergarten Gardeners**

Mrs. Merritt's kindergarten class planted a variety of seeds in the classroom. Once the seeds grew big enough, the class transplanted them into our Walberta Park courtyard garden. There will be tomatoes, pumpkins, cucumbers, loofah and beans. We will also have an assortment of flowers growing in the garden as well! Walberta Park would like to give a shout out to Empower Federal Credit Union for providing students and staff to a chilly treat. Cruisin' Cones ice cream truck brought slushies and ice cream. Thank you Dollar Dog and Empower Federal Credit Union!





## **District News**

## Important Announcement Concerning School Meals for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Westhill Central School District participated in the seamless summer option program from the USDA this past school year. The program ensured that every child in our district received a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. Unfortunately, this program is set to expire on June 30, 2022 and as of this writing, the USDA has not approved the continuation benefits for the 2022-23 school year. Therefore, we will restart our normal school breakfast and lunch program in September, including free and reduced meals for eligible students. Students not eligible for a free or reduced breakfast or lunch will resume paying for their meals. More information on meal prices and free and reduced applications will be provided in the near future.

## Upcoming Westhill Reunions

Class of 1971 - August 27, 2022 Class of 2002 - November 4, 2022 Class of 2001 - November 25, 2022

For more information about events or to be connected to a class representative for any of the above reunions, email the Westhill Educational Foundation at westhillfoundation@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Are you having a class reunion? Want to get your Save the Date published or find out how the Westhill Educational Foundation may be able to help you? Email us at westhillfoundation@gmail.com!

## A Message from the Superintendent

There were a lot of twists and turns, ups and downs, moments of uneasiness and times of absolute elation as we worked through this past school year. From changing health guidelines to the challenges of students re-learning what school is all about, the ride from August 2021 through today has been indescribable. Our staff responded to whatever was thrown at them with grace, professionalism, flexibility, courage and compassion. Our students rose to the challenge as well, demonstrating their ability to adapt and persevere, both traits that will help them to find success throughout their lives. As we look back on the school year, there is so much success to celebrate. We should all be excited about where we are as a district, but even more excited about where we are going.

One of the things that we talk about at Westhill is continuous improvement. Although we have been planning for next school year well before this one ended, the focus of the summer is reflecting on everything that we do in order to try and do it better. Instruction, professional development, student support services, safety, building operations, communication, parent engagement and involvement and intervention services, just to name a few of the areas we will analyze and try to enhance as we start the 2022-2023 school year. What drives us is the idea that there is no finish line. There is always room for improvement and opportunity to grow. We are not content to be good at what we do; we want to be great. Our students deserve it and we expect it of ourselves.

Wishing our staff, students, their families and our entire school community a safe and wonderful summer!

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