



Graduation Honors

Valedictorian



With a cumulative academic weighted average of 103.889, Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe is the Westhill High School Class of 2025 Valedictorian. Sike has maintained an extremely rigorous course schedule throughout her high school career. Sike is a member of National Honor Society as Vice President, President of French National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society, Vice President of Membership. She is the Senior Class President, Character Education President and Health Occupational Students of America President. Sike is a member of Academic Decathlon, Student Senate, Music Leadership Academy, French Club and DECA. She also plays on the tennis team. Sike has been an active member in the Westhill Educational Foundation. She is a four-time recipient of the Old English W award, as well as winning the American Citizenship Award two years in a row, Outstanding French Award, Outstanding French Senior Award, Excellence in Living Environment, AP Biology and Physics. Additionally, she has won the CNY Best and Brightest award. Sike was a National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar and a Presidential Scholarship Nominee. Sike plays the euphonium in the Wind Ensemble, of which she is the President. Sike plans to attend Cornell University in the fall, majoring in Biology. Sike's message to Westhill is summed up in her favorite quote "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." by Maya Angelou. Congratulations to Sike Ajagbe for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2025 Valedictorian!

Salutatorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 103.00, Helena Sipley is the Class of 2025 Salutatorian. Laney has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as Secretary. She also is the Vice President of Service for Tri-M Music Honor Society and Treasurer of the Spanish National Honor Society. She is the Vice President of Health Occupations Students of America, President of Spanish Club, as well as being a member of Character Education, Academic Decathlon, DECA, Student Senate and Music Leadership Academy. Laney is a talented athlete, participating in Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor track, of which she is the Treasurer. Laney is the section leader in Wind Ensemble, playing percussion. She also participated in the Syracuse Youth Wind Symphony. Laney has been awarded the Excellence in Living Environment, AP Biology and Physics Award and the American History Book Award. She is a three-time recipient of the Old English W and is a National Merit Commended Scholar. She has additionally been awarded the CNY Best and Brightest award. Laney will attend Colgate University in the fall majoring in Biology. Laney leaves the quote "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." by A. A. Milne as a message to the Westhill community. Congratulations to Laney Sipley for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2025 Salutatorian!



Westhill High School

Most Outstanding Senior

The Most Outstanding Senior Award is a tradition established by the founders of the Westhill Central School District. Students who are named Most Outstanding Senior 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 Senior.

Owen Mulholland was selected as the Class of 2025 Most Outstanding Senior. Owen graduated with an academic GPA of 97.863 and will attend Le Moyne College in the fall, majoring in Business Analytics Economics. Owen completed Honors level, OCC, and AP course work during his high school career. Owen is a member of a National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Owen has won the Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Club Award, Section III Scholar Athlete Award and Instrumentalist Director's Award. Owen has spent time helping better his community through the Church of St. Michael & St. Peter. He has volunteered at the Syracuse men's shelter, serving food to those in need and working with the youth in the church. He has also volunteered in the Westside band camp, mentoring younger students.

Outside of the classroom, Owen is a talented athlete and musician. He runs Indoor and Outdoor track and has qualified for the State Meet. Owen plays the trombone in the Wind Ensemble and performed in the Pit for all the musicals during his high school career. In his free time, Owen enjoys photography and has won awards for his work. A message Owen would like to leave to the Westhill community is a quote from his grandmother, Ann Mulholland, "When all else fails, pray". Congratulations to Owen Mulholland for being selected as a 2025 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

Sabine Napolitano	102.1
Sophia DeFabbio	102.05

11th grade

Kayleigh King	104.125	(3rd year in a row)
Hadley Goode	103.2	

10th grade

Samantha Colangelo	102.64	(2nd year in a row)
Austin Choe	102.04	(2nd year in a row)

12th grade

Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe	104.08	(4th year in a row)
Cadence Ramsing	103	

Senior Scholar Athletes



On Monday, June 9th, 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 Owen Mulholland and Avery 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. Owen is a three-sport varsity athlete participating in cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. At the event Owen was awarded the Cathleen M. Infanti Memorial Award. Owen will be furthering his academic career at Le Moyne College where he will continue with his academic and running career. Avery is also a three-sport letter winner. Avery is a member of the Westhill soccer, indoor track and field and lacrosse teams. Avery will be continuing her education at Salisbury University where she will continue her academic and lacrosse career. We would like to congratulate Owen and Avery for their exceptional achievements throughout their high school careers and wish them much success in the future.

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Doug Hutson Leadership Award

The Doug Hutson Student Leadership Award, established in honor of the former OHMS principal, was awarded to Aiden Schilling and Jaylan Hill. These students were chosen by their teachers for their ability to stand up for others even when it's difficult, make good choices, treat others with respect and compassion and do the right thing even when they think no one is looking.



Tara McMahon Award

AJ Hagan and Annie Horning received the Tara McMahon Award in memory of a former OHMS student. AJ and Annie were recognized for having a passion for music, being caring and compassionate toward others, serving as positive role models, showing respect towards peers and adults, always helping others and including all peers.



Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award

Carmella Colangelo and Charlie Soule were awarded the Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award. These two students embody the spirit of the former music teacher by viewing each day with a positive attitude, motivating those around them with spirit and enthusiasm, encouraging others to be more confident and to believe in themselves and showing an interest in and appreciation for music and the arts, especially theater.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Students of the Month at Onondaga Hill Middle School. These students were nominated by staff members for their leadership, hard work, growth and perseverance among other positive character traits. We are very proud of them! 8th graders Jackie Battista and Tyler Fowler; 7th graders Max Mathews and Seamus Root; 6th graders Kendra Bandel and Evelyn Dixon; 5th graders Ja'Dayah Coleman and Hartley Gehm. (Starting upper left in a clockwise direction.)



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Uniting Through Diversity: IDEAS Club Celebration!

Parents & Student leaders came together to recognize the incredible success of the IDEAS Club's year-long initiative to celebrate diversity and bring inclusiveness to Onondaga Hill Middle School. Fifth grade students and proud parents gathered to honor the rich diversity that enriches our school community, culminating in an afternoon of inspiring speeches and heartfelt gratitude. Each student gave a speech on how they would change the world. Their speeches served as a powerful reminder of the impact that student leadership can have in shaping a more inclusive future. We've learned so much from each other, celebrated our unique backgrounds and built stronger connections. This isn't just about what we accomplished this year; it's about building a foundation for a future where diversity is celebrated and every voice is heard.

"IDEAS is about recognizing that our differences are not just something to tolerate, but something to actively celebrate when we open ourselves to learning about other cultures."

"Peace is what we say all the time using a tiny hand gesture. When you put up these two fingers it means you want peace, so you have to work towards it. If no one does it for you, you have to do it for yourself. Work towards peace and make peace normal. If no one listens, try again. No one will just do what you tell them to. So keep trying, because peace is the only answer to a better world".

- Aiden Weinsztok, 5th Grader



WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2024-2025

Grade 12 Honor

Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
 Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
 Allen, Tate
 Alt, Maille
 Antoine, Ava
 Balduzzi, Emily
 Baty, Ava
 Bender, Alice
 Bergett, Grace
 Burkett, Samantha
 Burns, Phoebe
 Cardoso, Anthony
 Colangelo, Anabelle
 Detor, Claire
 Donegan, Sophia
 Dorfman, Molly
 Eldred, Zane
 Ferrer-Menendez, Emma
 Fitzgerald, Nora
 Gedney, Ellianna
 Geiger, Angelyna
 Goldman, Adyson
 Goral, Mya
 Gregory, Chyla
 Hamam, Israa
 Heise, Morgan
 Henesey, Luke
 Holowinski, Aubrey
 Jetter, Siena
 Joyce, Camaryn
 Juman, Eli
 Kelly, Caleigh
 Kimball, Lauren
 Kodoe, Godwin
 Loomis, Christian
 Loveless, Lillian
 MacBain, Sydney
 Macko, Jacob
 McGann, Julie
 Medeiros, Sydney
 Merrick, Thomas
 Metzgar, Julian
 Mulholland, Owen
 Murphy, Emma
 Olesh, Anita
 Pease, Jack
 Popp, Edward
 Ramsing, Cadence
 Rienhardt, Emily
 Rodriguez, Olivia
 Rose, Conor
 Rosenberger, Kara
 Rouse, Owen
 Sampo, Anthony
 Scanlon, William
 Sheridan, Riley
 Siple, Helena
 Sisack, Emlyn

Stanton, Laura
 Sullivan, Grace
 Tarolli, Evangelina
 Taylor, Emily

Uwase, Sadia
 Valenti, Claire
 Valenti, Roman
 Valenti, Sophia

Grade 11 Honor

Amidon, Aiden
 Amorese, Gabriel
 Anderson, Elizabeth
 Bruzdinski III, John
 Buell, Addison
 Burke, Kiley
 Clark, Riley
 Cognato, John
 Colon, Aaliyah
 Cordova, Vincent
 Cowin, Maxwell
 Curtis, Fenris
 Czaplicki, Benjamin
 D'Agostino, Elizabeth
 DeJesus, Josselyn
 Downs, Blake
 Drumm-O'Brien, Emma
 Eckert, Anna
 Faigle, Grace
 Franco, Mason
 Ganley, Caroline
 Goode, Delaney
 Goode, Hadley
 Goodwin, Zachary
 Gorman, Grace
 Hayes, John
 Hayes, Selina
 Hill, Jael

Hoffman, Sophia
 Holleran, Liam
 Holstein, Eric
 Hunt, Thomas
 Jackson, Anna
 Kaczor, Stella
 Kenny, Ronan
 Kenny, Tiernan
 Kincaid, Cormac
 King, Kayleigh
 Kohanski, Adriana
 Langham, Allison
 Lopez, Collin
 Maines, Aiden
 Militi, Eva
 Mondo, Andrew
 Mullen, Eileen
 Napolitano, Stella
 Ortiz, Leila
 Parry, Eleanor
 Pens, Kellen
 Perry, Alexa

Petrone, Calvin
 Pope, Sienna
 Poston, Aryanna
 Prince, Elias
 Ramos, Carlos
 Reilley, Olivia
 Rice, Lorenzo
 Richardson, Carter
 Roach, Meara
 Rudiger, Abigail
 Ryan, Molly
 Sadowski, Andrew
 Sainsbury, Claire
 Sainsbury, Ryan
 Satalin, Erin
 Scarfino, Dominic
 Schmitz, Lily
 Shephard, Madicine
 Shepherd, Ellis
 Sierotnik Jr., Christopher
 Sisson, Kevin
 Snyder, Amie
 Snyder, Meghan
 Soule, Madelyn
 Sparks, Olivia
 Speer, Trinity
 Stotler, Adam
 Talucci, Gage
 Turner, Braelyn
 Tyszka, Alexander
 Valerino, Angelina
 Vaughan, Margaret
 Wilbur, Jena
 Wilson, Carter
 Wright, Reagan
 Young, Katherine

Grade 10 Honor

Abdallah, Sadeen
 Alberts, Adeline
 Allen, Brooke
 Allen, Max
 Altheblah, Brahim
 Bagnell, Tatum
 Bruzdinski, Lottie
 Cardoso, Nicolas
 Chandler, Samantha
 Choe, Austin
 Colangelo, Samantha
 Conley, Colleen
 Conroy, Mackenzie
 Crawford, Lane
 D'Agostino, Claire
 DeLine, Lucas
 DeMore, Lucy
 Destito, Isabella
 DeTomaso, Giana
 Domick, Isabella
 Ellis, Christine
 Enright, Aaliyah

Finnerty, Ryan
 Frasier, Jackson
 Gallardo, Isabella
 Garcia, Jamil
 Gehm, Tyler
 Gray, Owen
 Headd, John-Paul
 Henesey, Matthew
 Herne, Louis
 Hodgkinson, Anna
 Horning, Grace
 Ide, Caitlin
 Isimbi, Rabia
 Jackson, Jake
 Johnson, Sophia
 Johnston, Liam
 Judge, Charles
 Kelly, Claire
 Kelly, Teagan
 Kimball, Samantha
 Kinney, Mary
 Kodoe, Andrea-Ann
 Krenrich, Kaitlin
 Lasher, Sophia
 MacLachlan, Thomas
 McGann, Sean
 McGee, Felicity
 McNeilly, Haze
 McRae, Ayanah
 Mersfelder, Tyler
 Montalto, Adelina
 Moore, James
 Mulligan, Ava
 Murphy, Kaylin
 Murphy, Lucy
 Nagraj, Mariana
 Pawelczyk, Allison
 Pease, Logan
 Pendergast, Cooper
 Petrone, Madeleine
 Piel, Alexander
 Primiano, Eulalia
 Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne
 Rogers, Reagan
 Rouse, Brielle
 Ruski, Serenity
 Ryan, Eliette
 Sanavonxay, Jazly
 Sauer, Parker
 Scanlon, Charles
 Shephard, Mathew
 Sobotka, Mariusz
 Soule, Eva
 Spasevski, Ivana
 Taylor, Addison
 Vashchishin, Samuel
 Veasley, Ah'Nari

WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2024-2025

Walker, Eli	Collacchi, Emma	Ibrahim, Ahmad	Ritz, Leo
Wallace, Ashton	Colon, Elijah	Jaquint, Stone	Root, Addison
West, Emma	Columbus, Hannah	Kelly, Quinn	Ross, Caleb
Wilmot, Owen	Cordova, Christian	Ketchum, Hayden	Satalin, David
Young, Daniel	Culligan, Brea	Lin, Cayla	Savelesky, Sofia
Young, Trevor	DeFabbio, Sophia	MacMaster, Kaylie	Scarfino, Stella
Zhdan, Vitalii	DelRio, Stef'Fonie	Maestri, David	Scheel, Annabelle
Zuckerman, Zoe	Dillard Jr., Brandon	Marceau, Adrien	Schug, McKenzie
Grade 9 Honor	Dixon, Reagan	Marinelli, Joseph	Scott, Khloe
Al Mamari, Shahd	Donegan, Redd	Martini, Marah	Scozzari, Samuel
Asim, Umamah	Dowd, Cameron	McMahon, Emmett	Seitz, Noah
Athanas, Andrew	Dunbar, Teagan	Mondo, Melissa	Shqair, Mohammed
Auge, Emmerson	Eldred, Jade	Morales, Willa	Spinner, Kaleigha
Auringer, Schuyler	Flegel, Julia	Morse, Shealyn	Starowicz, Fiona
Beal, IreShawn	Francisco, Dean	Mota, Alexis	Straub, Emily
Belcore, Rosella	Franco, Maxwell	Napolitano, Sabine	Stroman, Grace
Bova, Sophia	Gaines, Lyla	Parry, Evangeline	Tarolli, Thomas
Buckman, Skylar	Ganley, Daniel	Pichoske, Nicholas	Tjaden, Julia
Burke, Jameson	Gerasimovich, Isabella	Pizarro Fuentes, Edriel	Tremblay, Addyson
Carroll, Daniel	Glover, Charles	Platt, Hayden	Tyszka, William
Carruth, John	Glover, Henry	Pluff, Katherine	Viscome, Cailin
Cassalia, Patrick	Gridley, Dylan	Powless, Shaniya	Wilbur, Corinne
Centore, Angelina	Grosso, Eva	Pratt, Jackson	Wilson, Blake
Chaddock, Evan	Hamam, Aiham	Presley, Alexandra	Wilson, Jayden
Cognato, Averie	Hange, Brooke	Rewakowski, Andrew	Zheng, Winnie
Coleman, Reilly	Harrison, Serani	Rewakowski, Jacob	Ziober, Beckham

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2024-2025

Grade 8 High Honor	Greenfield, Gavin	Walsh, Riley	Johnson, Lyric
Anderson, Eliana	Horning, Anne	Zuckerman, Alexander	Johnson, Owen
Barcak, Natalie	Jackson, Griffin		Judge, Antonia
Brown, Juliana	Konkol, Khaya	Grade 8 Honor	LeFever, Alaina
Canavan, Luna	LaSalle, Amelia	Abdelfatah, Sela	Manning, Kierra
Canavan, Virginia	Mahoney, Audrey	Altheblah, Yusuf	Marshall, Spencer
Cobb, Logan	Morgan, Ella	Auringer, Giada	McGann, Reese
Colangelo, Carmella	Olesh, Sofia	Battista, Jacqueline	Montalto, Eliana
Coleman, Reagan	Orbino, Isabella	Buckingham, Rilee	O'Sullivan, Olivia
Collett, Reagan	Paparo, Morgan	Burns, Madigan	Peck, Cameron
Cook, Jack	Pluff, Shanley	Campanella, Luke	Pendergast, Tanner
Czaplicki, Kate	Pratt, Tyler	Carroll, Elliott	Preville, Nicholas
DeLine, James	Primiano, Adelina	Casazza, Annabelle	Rashid, Teffero
Destito, Amelia	Quattrocchi, Bryan	Condon, Madigan	Reynolds, Abigail
Dhamoon, Gurtej	Ramos, Cielo	Detor, Bridget	Robinson, Cassius
Dimovski, Luka	Rogers, Brian	Flegel, Jackson	Rowley, Mya
Durant, Clark	Schermerhorn, Kiley	Fraser, Brady	Sales, Simone
Ellis, Nicholas	Schilling, Aedan	Giannino, Arianna	Scanlon, Michael
Engle, Isabella	Sisack, Brynna	Hagan, Albert	Scheirer, Gianna
Etoll, Keira	Soule, Charles	Headd, Matthew	Sierotnik, Lillian
Gallardo, Sophie	Sprouse, Eamon	Hill, Jaylan	Sova, Jeremy
Green, Dylan	Walsh, Reagan	Hubler, Audrey	Stoddard, Franklin

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2024-2025

Storinge, Harry
Terek, Addison
Thabet, Alyaa
Tjaden, Trey
Valenti, Michael
West, William
White, Layla
Zhdan, Yuliia

Grade 7 High Honor

Aiduk, Mya
Aladwar, Malik
Almamari, Ahd
Auge, Cooper
Baracco, Isla
Carlyle, Kathryn
Carruth, William
Carruthers, Jasper
Cass, Joseph
Cenajko, Elliot
Chang, Samantha
Collins, Joseph
Connelly, Quinn
D'Agostino, Hailey
Dixon, Maura
Eischen, Jane
Faigle, Ellie
Francisco, Juliana
Gridley, Luke
Grome, Macie
Henderson, Aiden
Hennigan, Evelyn
Herron, Gian
Herron, Giavana
Holowinski, Lucas
Holt, Shiloh
Ibrahim, Janelle
Kalinowski, Elliott
Kelly, Quest
Kinney, Caroline
Konkol, Tobi
LaRosa, Olivia
Maestri, Emilia
Maguire, Kendall
Mamorella, Isabel
Marceau, Oliver
Mathews, Max
Nugent, Jackson
ONeil, Molly
Past, Lily
Pautz, Peyton
Platt, Jayden
Presley, Clare
Primiano, Alana
Redmond, Julia
Root, Seamus
Satalin, Gehrig
Satalin, Kathleen
Savelesky, Aurora
Scozzari, Alexandra
Seitz, Eden

Seymour, Lyla
Sisson, Charles
Stash, Ella
Thabet, Jenna
Walts, Belle
Weinsztok, Noah
Woodring, Emma
Worden, Nora
Zheng, Suri

Grade 7 Honor

Abedrabbah, Muhammad
Abraham, Nina
Agley, Logan
Amidon, Alexander
Armani, Joviana
Bagnell, Clive
Carroll, Kathryn
Cassidy IV, Charles
Clark, Avery
Clyne, Landon
Connell, Taylor
Couse, Vincent
Donegan, Ella
Esposito, Jocelyn
Fogarty, Connor
Freund, Ethan
Gehm, Julia
Goodwin, Kelly
Grobosky, Rowen
Herne, Charles
Hicks, Blin
Ireland, Madilyn
Jackson, Colin
Jackson, Owen
Jaquint, Atticus
Killoran, Kellan
Kimball, Julia
Kimball, Michael
Kincaid, Megan
Klamm, Dilynn
Loucks, Gabriel
Maldonado-Royer, Madeline
McNeilly, Harrison
Montague, Benjamin
Morse, Malachy
Mosleh, Maysa
Nicholson, Shaniy
O'Brien, Helena
Omar, Asha
Padula, Ana
Parr, Kendall
Pillari, Patrick
Pope, Deja
Richardson, Jillian
Romano, Jack
Rotella, Lyla
Scanlon, Henry
Stokes, Lucas
Streiff, Chiara
Thomas, Zahle

Tyszka, Benjamin
Viavattine, Francesca
Wells, Ava
Wells, Karah
Whipple, Mason
Wilmot, Lily

Grade 6 High Honor

Abdallah, Qusai
Altheblah, Somayah
Bidnyi, Matthew
Cassalia, Broderick
Christopher, Avery
Coleman, Griffin
Collacchi, Connor
Collett, Mary Kate
Craver, Olive
Dacko, Katarina
DiMarco, Lillian
Dixon, Evelyn
Dowd, Tanner
Evans, Avery
Fowler, Eliana
Franco, Morgan
Gallardo, Caleb
Gibson, Kayla
Green, Hayden
Greenfield, Nolan
Grosso, Nicholas
Henderson, Briana
Henese, Alice
Hope, Laura
Ide, Brandon
Iwachiw, Cora
Kurro, Emelia
Lora Gonzalez, Arminda
MacLachlan, Margaret
Madonia, Sasha
Masset, Jonathan
Mitchell, Edan
Montalto, Massimo
Mulligan, Mackenzie
Nelson, Rihanna
Obernesser, Ellen
ONeill, Lux
Osterman, Annabelle
Pease, Quinn
Perski, Brooklyn
Platt, Griffin
Price, Seamus
Prince, Eva
Ritz, Eliza
Rudiger, Connor
Russo, Anelia
Samhammer, John
Sisson, Emmy
Straub, Jocelyn
Stroman, Samuel
Summa, Anthony
Tacea, Ilias
Thabet, Rana

Vidas, Evelyn
Widrick, Joseph
Winchell, Noah
Zuckerman, Lucas

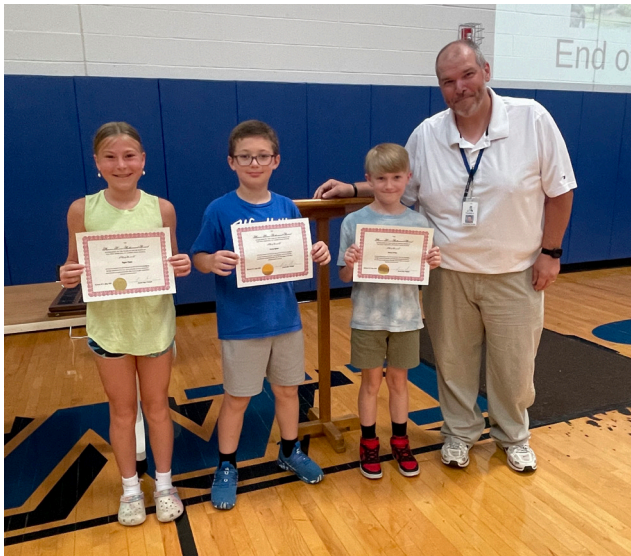
Grade 6 Honor

Ayesh, Eliana
Baker, Madelyn
Bandel, Kendra
Barfield, Henry
Byrd, Kemiya
Chalker, Mia
Cheston, Mia
Ciambriello, Rosalia
Colangelo, Luke
Connell, Claire
DeFabbio, Matthew
Earl, Eliza
Edmond, Brooklyn
Galvin, Benjamin
Gersbacher, Danielle
Hamilton, Danielle
Hares, Kenzie
Headd, Catherine
Herne, Grace
Hoffman, Josephine
Holleran, Ella
Irving, Violet
Ketchum, Caleb
Krawczyk, Liam
LeFever, McKenzie
Linden, Hudson
Martin, Todd
McGlynn, Ryan
Mollie, Ilithia
Morgan, Evan
Moro, Vincent
Panighetti, Olive
Parry III, Thomas
Pease, Matthew
Pratt, Alana
Preville, Chase
Ramage, Keti
Ramsing, Jameson
Rotolo, Mason
Ryan, Beckett
Schilling, Declan
Seymour, Kaleah
Shelmidine, Wesley
Steenrod, Lelan
Stoddard, Arianna
Tacea, Isidora
Thabet, Ismael
Thabet, Mayar
Vidas, Dylan
Wallace, Brielle
Ward, Ella
Waters, Gracelyn
Wheeler, Tobias
Ziober, Upton

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 the specials teachers, teaching assistants and the administrator at Cherry Road School. This year's winners are Taylor Pautz, Carson Latone, and Charles O'Neil.



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 School. 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 2024-2025 school year winners for the Ronald Hill School Spirit Award are Clare Stanton and Logan Hope.



IDEAS Club

The last month of IDEAS Club was a time for reflection and closure. On a piece of paper, students were asked to write positive thoughts in washable marker and negative thoughts in permanent marker, then soaked the paper in water. While the positive thoughts faded or disappeared altogether, the negative thoughts remained clear, reminding us all to keep the negative thoughts out of our heads because they can become "permanent". For a final activity, the Leaders in Training each decorated a puzzle piece with things they had learned from their time in IDEAS Club and then put the puzzle together to see how everyone "fits". While we were sad to end our time together, there was a lot of excitement about continuing next year in middle school! Until then, have a wonderful summer!



Walberta Park School

Students have fun during June Fun Days!

Walberta Park Kindergarteners had a blast during our June Fun Days! Some of the events included Field Days, Day of Play, Flag Day, a visit from Buffalo Bills player and Westhill alum Casey Rogers, and a visit from The Wild! They were also able to go to the Gifford Family Theater at LeMoyne College to see the play *Dragons Love Tacos*!



Westhill High School

March Warriors of the Month:

9th Jayden Wilson - Nominated by Mr. Zimmerman:

All year, Jayden has been an excellent student and has proven himself a leader in the classroom. He is always willing to help others and is a positive influence on other students in class. He has a real thirst for knowledge, going above and beyond on subjects that we are covering in class as well as concepts that we have not yet tackled. He has a great sense of humor and always is willing to participate in class.

10th Mat Shepard-Nominated by Mr. Buchmann:

Matthew is an amazing student and person. He is always positive, kind and willing to push himself to be better at everything he does. In the musical he was always punctual, prepared and engaged in every rehearsal. You would see him off on the sides of the stage practicing his dances and lines for the musical when the group had a break. He was always making sure he was accurate and precise. He learned that he was good at performing, dancing and even a German accent for his character. He was even featured in several of the dance numbers of the show. His curiosity and willingness to pursue new and different things in class and co-curriculars while being kind and respectful make him a wonderful candidate for the Warrior of the month. His perseverance, talent and positive leadership make him an example for everyone!

11th Amie Snyder:

Amie is a true warrior! In class Amie is not afraid of challenges and puts in the extra hours to be excellent at the content of the course. Amie does excellent work and is respected by her peers as an outstanding learner and person. Amie works well with others and is not afraid to share her knowledge and skills.

12th T.J. Pichoske:

He is a consistently positive and dependable presence in the classroom. He works exceptionally well with others, always contributing thoughtfully in group settings and helping to create a supportive, respectful learning environment. His friendly and approachable demeanor allows him to connect easily with both peers and teachers, and he consistently demonstrates kindness and a strong sense of integrity. He sets a great example through his cooperation, inclusiveness, and willingness to help others succeed.



Westhill High School

April Warriors of the Month

9th: Sam Scozzari :

Sam is a wonderful role model. He comes to class with a positive attitude daily and is always willing to be helpful towards his peers and teachers. He is often the first to participate in class discussion. He has a deep desire to learn, explore, and understand. He has been a risk taker and tries to develop innovative ways to solve problems. His love of learning is fueled by curiosity.

10th: Owen Gray:

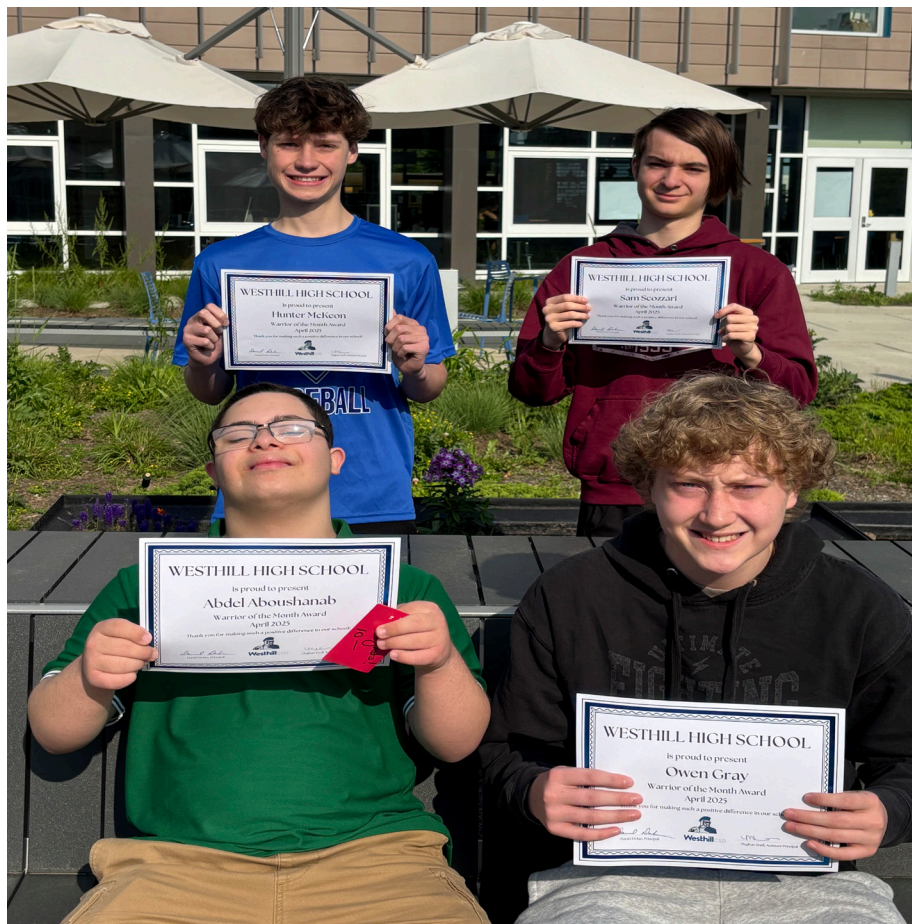
Owen is very kind and patient with his classmates. I have seen Owen on numerous occasions help a student complete his work. When a student doesn't understand the questions, Owen takes the time to simplify the question and explain it to his classmate in a way he understands. Owen shows leadership by helping this student whenever needed, without being asked. I have seen Owen mature a lot over the last two years and he is an asset to our classroom and always willing to help.

11th: Hunter McKeon:

Hunter has gone above and beyond to make our school a more welcoming and inclusive place. He goes out of his way to include others, making sure everyone feels seen, valued, and part of the community. His kindness, leadership, and willingness to help have made a lasting impact on both students and staff.

12th: Abdel Aboushanab:

If you've met Abdel, you know he's the kind of student who instantly brightens your day. He always has a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. He goes out of his way to ask how you're doing and genuinely wants to get to know you. His positive energy is contagious, and he's a friend to all. Simply put, he's one of the greatest kids you'll ever meet.



Westhill High School

AP US History Students Visit the Women's Rights National Historical Park

In late April, AP U.S. History and AP Government students visited the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls. This significant site marks the location of the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848, a pivotal event in the fight for women's equality. Students toured the Wesleyan Chapel, where the convention began, and participated in ranger-led stations exploring key figures and the passage of the 19th Amendment. The trip served as a powerful reminder of the importance of civic engagement and the ongoing pursuit of equality.



Getting Community Members Connected

In an effort to extend communication to the entire community and keep people in the District informed, we have added "Community Groups" to our ParentSquare communication system. By joining "Community Groups", residents that do not have children in the District can sign-up to receive relevant updates from the District either through email or app notification.

To join, scan the QR code below or enter the address <https://shorturl.at/yBG5Y>. From there, enter your name and email address, and select Westhill CSD Community Connection.

This will allow you to receive things like newsletters, athletic and fine arts updates, and communication from the Superintendent. If you have any questions please call the District Office at 315-426-3272.



Westhill Educational Foundation

The Westhill Educational Foundation would like to announce the recipients from the spring 2025 grant cycle. Thanks to the continued support of the Westhill community, grants were awarded to support a variety of initiatives throughout all of the schools in the district, impacting students grades K-12. Congratulations to all of our grant winners! We are pleased to announce the following recipients for the spring:

Second Grade Theater Trip, Maria Geiss

Second graders at Cherry Road School read the book *Dragons Love Tacos* in their classes. With support from this grant, they were then able to take a trip to the Gifford Family Theater at Le Moyne College to see a performance of this book brought to life. Students and teachers returned to the classroom to compare and contrast the book and show.

Dinosaur Excavation Kits, Kristie Kisselburgh

With this grant, teachers at Cherry Road School were able to purchase fossil kits for students learning about fossilization and paleontology. After learning about the process of fossilization and learning about several paleontologists, students wrote a personal narrative about discovering a fossil. Then they used the fossil kits to dig out their own fossil to see how challenging it really is!

PS I Love You Day, Tracy Derrenbacher

Students at OHMS participated in activities centered around the theme, “A Brighter Future Begins Today”. This grant helped to fund a motivational presentation from Casey Rogers, Westhill graduate and NFL football player. Other activities for the day were coordinated with the Westhill Diversity Team to give students a full day of events promoting equity, inclusion, team building and mental wellness.

Kindness Wall, Jen Stanton

This grant funded a community kindness e-wall at Walberta Park school. Staff can post highlights of students doing acts of kindness, as well as accolades of students, parents and other staff members. The community at WPS can also add positive accolades and pictures. The pictures and words of kindness are placed on monitors throughout the school to build positivity and community throughout the building.

Day of Jazz, Liz Buell

This grant helped to bring the upNorth Jazz Collective to Westhill for a day full of jazz instruction and performances. During the morning of April 9th musicians held two performances, one for OHMS students and one for WHS students. In the afternoon, jazz students grades 7-12 met for instruction with members of the band. This fun day ended with a community performance from all of our Westhill jazz students and the upNorth Jazz Collective.

Erie Canal Museum Field Trip, Melissa Prior

This trip served as the culminating lesson/experience to end the 4th grade Social Studies unit on the history of the Erie Canal and its impact on NYS. This grant provided funding for all fourth grade students at Cherry Road School to travel to the Erie Canal Museum to expand upon their knowledge with museum artifacts and exhibits.

HOSA, Lindsay Johnson

This grant provided funding for members of HOSA, a new club at Westhill High School focusing on medical related topics, to participate in the HOSA New York 2025 Spring Leadership Conference. Students prepared for months for competitions taking place at the conference, including CPR/ First Aid, Health Career Presentation, Biomedical Debate and Physical Therapy. Students were also able to participate in workshops coordinated by local colleges and professionals in different medical fields.

Crazy Daisies Field Trip, Kristie Kisselburgh

To support the second grade Plants and Pollinators module, this grant helped students travel to Crazy Daisies to learn about plants, why they are important, how to care for different types of plants and what types of plants are in the community. They had the opportunity to rotate through different stations: sensory (seeing/smelling/feeling different textures), edible flowers/herbs, and a planting station where they received their own plant to pot, bring home and care for.

Westhill Chess Open, Erik Samhammer

This grant helped to fund the first annual Westhill Scholastic Chess Open, in partnership with Central NY Chess, Inc., a local non-profit. Students within and outside of Westhill came together to play at Westhill High School. Chess is a game that can teach children important and impactful life skills, like logic, reason, critical thinking, developing a plan and thinking through your actions. Central NY Chess donated 100% of the proceeds from the tournament to be used to fund in-school chess programs that will help to develop those skills in Westhill students.

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Butterflies and Pollination, Kristie Kisselburgh

This grant supported Cherry Road second graders during their Plants and Pollinators Module. Students were able to watch the process of caterpillars as they turned into butterflies. They discussed life cycle and the butterflies' role as pollinators to help the plant life cycle. The butterflies were then shown to families during spring open house which provided a chance for students to talk to their families about what they learned.

Sixth Grade Extinction Capstone, Tracy Derrenbacher

As part of the 8th Grade Capstone Project, "The Sixth Extinction," this grant helped students participate in a field trip to the Museum of the Earth and Taughannock Falls. In addition to exploring the museum, this experience gave students direct observation and hands-on learning about Earth's geological history and major extinction events.

Beaver Lake: Pollinators, Kristie Kisselburgh

The grant helped to support Cherry Rd second graders with their Plants and Pollination unit. Students learned about different animals, habitats and ways to help save pollinators. By traveling to Beaver Lake they were able to learn about the different types of plants/animals that are within the Beaver Lake habitat.

Wild Visit, Jill West

This grant brought staff from The Wild, as well as several selected ambassadors (Blue tongued Skink, African Bullfrog, tarantula, various snakes, hedgehog, kangaroo, etc.) to Walberta Park School. The professional Zoologists from The Wild gave students an in-depth presentation regarding the animals' habitats, behaviors, and information about animal preservation in a unique, up-close hands-on experience!

Registration Procedures for New Students (K-12)

All students who are new to the Westhill Central School District must be registered by their parents or legal guardians. The Registration Office is located at Walberta Park School; at 400 Walberta Park Road; Syracuse, NY 13219. Registrations are by appointment only.

There are Registration forms available on the Westhill website at <https://www.westhillschools.org/teacherpage.cfm?teacher=1258>. Please review the forms on the right side of the page.

Other required documents include:

- Original Birth Certificate or Passport
- Up to date immunization records from the Student's Doctor (must include Doctor's signature)
- 2 Proofs of Residency (1 Primary and 1 Secondary)

Primary Proof of Residency:

- Residential mortgage statement/deed; lease/rental agreement (signed by both parties)
- If you just purchased a home, copy of signed purchase agreement for residential real estate property within the district (copy of signed contract if you just purchased house)

Secondary Proof of Residency:

- Pay stub with address
- Homeowner's insurance or Renter's insurance; or Car insurance
- Social Security Correspondence
- Credit Card Bill
- Government issued mail; (Example; Medicare or Medicaid)

Parent/Legal Guardian Photo Identification

The following additional documents may be required:

- Court Issued Custody Papers (if applicable)
- Form DSS 2999 for foster children
- Copy of child's IEP (if child is receiving Special Education Services)
- Copy of child's 504 Plan (if the child is receiving 504 accommodations)

Please contact the Registration Office at 315-426-3440 or email at registrar@westhillschools.org with any questions regarding the registration process.

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Congratulations, Retirees!



From left to right: Michelle Lamson, Patrick Ferrick, John Pierce, Monica Willsey
Not pictured: Annette Casper