

# ESTHILL Central School District

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# Graduation Honors



### Valedictorian

Abbey Mullen, the 2017 Valedictorian, earned a cumulative academic weighted GPA of 101.33. Dedicated to her studies, Abbey was enrolled in honors, Advanced Placement and college-level courses. Her interest in international studies led her to take a number of business courses and specialize in Spanish while in high school. Abbey was active outside of the classroom as well, joining Math Club, Good for the Soul (GFTS) and Ski Club. She was a varsity athlete, participating in both tennis and golf, and this year she was the varsity tennis team captain. Outside of school, Abbey volunteers for both the Onondaga Free Library and the Reading Buddies program in addition to maintaining part-time employment at Tuscarora Golf Club and Nibsy's Pub. Abbey has enrolled at Ohio State University where she plans to major in accounting.

### Salutatorian

The 2017 Salutatorian, Jacob Polacek, earned a cumulative academic weighted GPA of 101.167. A determined young man, Jacob was enrolled in a variety of honors, Advanced Placement, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and collegelevel courses. During high school, Jacob developed a love for computer science and engineering, and as such, enrolled PLTW courses, participated in Math Club and VEX Robotics and attended various science/engineering camps. Additionally, he was an active member in French Club and served as a class officer for three years. Jacob played varsity soccer and hockey. He was the team captain of his hockey team his junior and senior years, and was a team captain of the soccer team his senior year. Jacob balanced his school activities with part-time employment at The Lodge at Welch Allyn and Haddock Arcade. Next year, Jacob will attend Cornell University where he intends to major in computer science.



# 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**

The Class of 2017 Most Outstanding Girl award went to Martha Jeanne Bergett. Jeanne graduated with a GPA of 89.560. She balanced an academic load rich in college-level courses with active participation in the Westhill music program, singing in the Women's Ensemble, Westhill Singers and Octane. Jeanne's talents were recognized on stage where she participated in the spring musical each year of her high school career. While maintaining a prominent role in each show, Jeanne also served as an understudy for the lead female role between ninth and eleventh grade. In twelfth grade, she starred as Ariel in the Westhill production of *The Little Mermaid* and won the hearts of Disney fans in the community. During high school, Jeanne participated in both lacrosse and golf. Next year, Jeanne will attend Nazareth College where she will major in Occupational Therapy.

# **Outstanding Boy**

Jonathan Holl was selected as the Class of 2017 Most Outstanding Boy. Jonathan graduated with an honorable academic GPA of 99.533. Throughout high school, he maintained a rigorous course load comprised of honors, advanced placement and college-level courses. He was an active member of the Westhill music program, participating in such ensemble groups as Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Men's Ensemble. His love of music transferred to the stage as well. Each year of high school, Jonathan participated in the spring musical, earning accolades from the community. Jonathan held leadership roles within the school community, serving as class president ninth through eleventh grade. Further, he was captain of the boys' varsity soccer team, which placed second in the state this academic year. Outside of school, Jonathan maintains a part-time job and volunteers regularly at his church. Next year, Jonathan will attend Rochester Institutes of Technology where he will major in Industrial Design.



# Westhill High School

### WHS Students Earn High Scores in PLTW Courses

Our Project Lead The Way pre-engineering curriculum has a national end of course examination for each of the courses we teach. The scoring is on a 1 to 9 stanine scale, with a score of 9 very difficult to obtain. For the year 2016-2017 the following students scored a 9 in the following classes:

Design and Drawing for Production Jacob Fricano Josiah Miggiani Evan Watt

**Digital Electronics**Jacob Polacek
Kai Wisner

Computer Science Principles
Robert Ahern
Jonathan Holl
Mackenzie Kenyon
Owen King

Principles of Engineering Benjamin Eassa David McPeak

### **NHS Spring Induction Ceremony**

The Westhill High School Chapter of the National Honor Society Spring Induction Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Forty-seven members of the junior class joined the current membership made up of 44 seniors. It was an exciting evening filled with celebration. The Senior Class officers reviewed the National Honor Society Qualities during the candle lighting ceremony. Current NHS officers include: President Claire Fagan, Vice President Nick Colella, Secretary Elizabeth Kilpatrick and Treasurer Sam Cady. Mrs. Tracy Bitner, Chapter Advisor, and Westhill High School Principal, Mr. Lee Roscoe, offered words of welcome, congratulations and praise for the talented group of inductees.

Selection to the National Honor Society is based upon four criteria set forth by national standards including Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. Juniors who achieve a cumulative academic grade point average of an 88.0 or greater through the second quarter of eleventh grade are invited to submit an information packet sharing accomplishments and activities. The faculty is given an opportunity to review this information and provide recommendations. The NHS Faculty Committee, made up of five teachers, then reviews the information and makes the final selection.

During the school year, National Honor Society provides peer tutoring and sponsors a child living in India through ChildFund. In addition, opportunities to continue the commitment to service both within the school and community are provided. This past year, members have volunteered their time collecting personal care items for St. Lucy's Church and assisting at WHS events such as Open House and New Student Orientation. In addition, members continue to complete individual service endeavors throughout the year.

The juniors who were inducted into the National Honor Society include: Ryan Albert, Luke Bardenett McDowell, David Bleskoski, Molly Bobbett, Emma Bryant, Emma Carrock, Shannon Celeste, John Clancy, Noelle Coolican, Sean Dadey, Margret Delano, Hannah Dorfman, Julia Durand, Benjamin Eassa, Kateney Easterly, Morgan Elmer, Alexander Feliu, Liam Felter, Samuel Fergot, John Grabda, Kayla Helfeld, Owen Hoyne, Madeleine Jones, Katelyn Karleski, Patrick Kelly, Alaina Kenny, Brooke Larrabee, Kathryn Lesselroth, Natalie Lyons, Clayton Markham, Owen Matukas, Maura McAnaney, Haley Mikus, Cal Niezabytowski, Megan O'Reilly, Richard Pirong, Luke Puglisi, Emma Ringwood, Cailey Robb, Jack Savage, Connor Schwartz, Sophia Sgroi, Amanda St. Amour, Cade VanOrnam, Angela Vigliotti, Evan Watt and Edward Zawadzki.

Congratulations and best wishes to our graduating seniors: Luke Bennett, Lisa Bogardus, Samuel Cady, Makayla Cash, Colin Catone, Nicolas Colella, Brian Coman, Thomas Cunningham, Cassandra Dashley, John Dwyer, Megan Dwyre, Meghan Evans, Claire Fagan, Haileigh Farrell, Emma Fitzgibbons, Mia Guariano, Tyrus Handy, Jonathan Holl, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Owen King, Bridget Lougen, Katherine MacBain, Jack Mannion, Abbey March, Elizabeth Mengucci, Jack Miller, Kathryn Missert, Kate Mooney, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Benjamin Mrozek, Abbey Mullen, Kathleen O'Connell, Adele Pierce, Jacob Polacek, Anthony Puleo, Elise Ranieri, Daniel Robinson, Noah Rolince, Paige Smith, Abby Stack, Carly Vecchio, Semaj Williams, Kai Wisner and Avery Yeates.

# WHS Honor Roll 2016-2017 Quarter 4

#### **Grade 12 Honor**

Alam, Farukh Bergett, Martha Jeanne Bogardus, Lisa Maureen Cady, Samuel Cash, Makayla Riley Catone, Colin Brendan Colella, Nicolas Robert Coman, Brian David Corning, Ashley Dashley, Cassandra Noelle DeMatties, Dominique Marie Dougherty, Xavier Patrick Dwyre, Megan Elizabeth Fagan, Claire Marie Fitzgibbons, Emma Anne Frank, Brooke Lynn Guariano, Mia Elizabeth Guinta, Dayonna Handy, Tyrus Theodore Holl, Jonathan Michael Kelly, Marleigh Anne Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Rose Lougen, Bridget Elizabeth MacBain, Katherine Eliza Mannion, John Aloysius Mengucci, Elizabeth Anne Missert, Kathryn Lyn Monds, Jayanna Cheyann Mooney, Kate Lauren Mrozek, Benjamin John Mullen, Abbey Moran O'Connell, Kathleen Patel, Riddhi Pierce, Adele Carol Pirong, Kimberly Polacek, Jacob Frank Puleo, Anthony Paul Ranieri, Elise Marie Robinson, Daniel Joseph Sherlock, Madelyn Rose Stack, Abby Mae Vecchio, Carly Rose Williams, Tyrin Khalil Wisner, Kai Scott

#### Grade 11 Honor

Abraham, Hannah Bardenett McDowell, Luke Bleskoski, David Edward Bobbett, Mary (Molly) Jane

Bryant, Emma Kaitlin Carrock, Emma Winifred Celeste, Shannon Margaret Clancy, John Allen Conan IV, Donald Francis Costello, Brian Andrew Cunningham, Zierra Dadey, Sean Patrick Delano, Margret Anne Derrick, Cassandra Leigh Diefendorf, Leah Marie Dorfman, Hannah Elizabeth Durand, Julia Erin Elmer, Morgan Maureen Feliu, Alexander William Felter, Liam Andrew Fergot, Samuel Devlin Grabda IV, John Francis Griffin, Matthew James Gwilt, Jonathan Robert Hisert, Matthew Carl Holt, Christopher Bryan Hoyne, Owen Micheal Jones, Madeleine Olivia Karleski, Katelyn Ann Kelly, Patrick Lundy Kenny, Alaina Catherine Lantry, Michael Declan Laszlo, Michael David Lyons, Natalie Claire Markham, Clayton John Matukas, Owen Patrick McAnaney, Maura Rose Mikus, Brennan Joseph Mikus, Haley Anne Niezabytowski, Cal Michael Owens, Zachary Michael Pirong Jr., Richard Daniel Puglisi, Luke Emmet Ringwood, Emma Claudine Robb, Cailey Loren Rogers, Madeleine Rose Sauro, Nicholas John Schwartz, Connor Lauren Sgroi, Sophia Mary St. Amour, Amanda Brooke VanBuren, Samantha Fall Vigliotti, Angela Marie Walker, Donovan William Watt, Evan Daniel Zell, Bradley Jerome

#### Grade 10 Honor

Adams, Stephen Thomas Antonacci, Jacqueline Taylor Argentieri, Camille Ann Ballard, Evan Alexander Bennett, Ryan Joseph Bergett, Julia Brooke Bistrovich, Justin Patrick Blossey, Walker Cole Bolesh, Charles R. Brown, Bianca Caloia, Dino (DJ) Joseph Caron, Kevin Jacob Case, Anthony James Cassidy, Ariel M Chaddock, Thomas Henry Coman, Patrick Thomas Coolican, Haylei Marybeth Corning, Andrew Matthew Cortez, Camryn Ashleigh Crisostomo, Ryan Alexander Cunningham, Elana Zonea' Daigneau, Elena Lorene Dashley, Samuel Logan DeMatties, Noah Robert Dhamoon, Jaideep Edgar, Abigail Jean Eicholzer, Lily Victoria Etoll, Mack Joseph Gasky, Jack Michael Gilmartin, Ryan Patrick Graves, Sydney Lee-Ann Grooms, Jack Thomas Hart, Sydney Meris Heinrich, Brigid Walsh Herne, Adam Robert Hofmann, Alyssa Marie Hurteau, Claire Hynes, Zoe Marie King, Nathan Howard Krahling, Caitlyn Victoria Lavigne, Wyatt Cooper Lougen, Danielle Andrea Ludington, Neev Katherine MacCaull, Kendra Marie Malone, Carmen Jared Martin, Mackenzie Maureen Mathews, Anila McPeak, David Joseph Milham, Brandon Alexander Miller, Caroline Ann

Olesh, Mark Stepan Rewakowski, Brendan James Rev, Olivia Margaret Ristoff, Justin McCormick Robb, Liam Jonathan Roberts, Jacob Douglas Robinson, Adam Nicholas Russell, Lauren Maureen Shampine, Emma Rose Shattell, Jeremy Robert Sizing, Reilly Joseph Spinek, Shannon Nolan Stensland, Grace Eleanor Taber, Rylie Paige Thomson, Aubrey Michaela Thomson, Brooke Elise Usev, Andon Toni Waleski, Maya Rose Washburn, Daniel William Wiezalis, Ashley Elizabeth Zollo, Philip Michael

#### Grade 9 Honor

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo Amaya, Adam Anthony Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth Bistrovich, Nikolas John Bogan, Phillip Mason Bradley, Jackson Thomas Bryant, Rusden Patrick Cannucciari, Arden Rose Coman, Thomas Kevin Cundall, Geoffrey Robert Daniul, Rachel Marie Davis, William Demperio, Dominic Jacob Derrick, Chelsea Lynn Dillon, Rachel Terese Domanski, Alyssa Rose Donnelly, Emmett Ryan Evans, Katherine Rose Falcone, Stephanie Marie Ferrara, Michael Patrick Fountain, Spencer Francis Fricano, Jacob Steven Fricano, Nathan Lawrence Frost, Sophia Ilene Galante, Sara Marie Geer, Reilly Erwin Gere, Jenna Gibson, Mary Louise

# WHS Honor Roll 2016-2017 Quarter 4

Gilhooley, Rebecca Sue Grabda, Christopher Heffernan, Ashley Nicole Helfeld, Benjamin Holstein, Lauren Elizabeth Hubert, Anne Martha Hunt, Margaret Kelly, Kevin Allen Kessler, Elizabeth Anne Knapp, Jack William Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn Lasher, Emma Jane Lasher, Julia Estelle Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob Lesselroth, Grace Ann Lyons, Allison Mary MacBain, Scott Matthew MacCollum, Zachary James Mahoney, Alice Margaret Mannion, Quinn Patricia Marshall, Lauren Elizabeth Masterpole, Ellie May McMahon, Grace Helen McQueeney, Aline Nicole Miggiani, Josiah Ethan Mitchell, Jonathan Fitzpatrick

Mooney, John (Jack) Patrick Murphy, Ryan Rebecca Nizam, Sana Noor O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel O'Reilly, Emily Brennon Olesh, Yuliya Patrie, Shawn Michael Peck, Caitlyn Marie Puglisi, Kyle Bernard Remillard, Will Clemo Ricks, Janae Michelle Rudnick, Ciarra Michelle Satalin, Meghan Teresa Savage, Michael Patrick Schwartz, Sarah Catherine Sexton, Brianna Odell Sheridan, Hannah Riley Sheridan, Sarah Mae Smolen, Victoria Rose Stamey, Thomas Robert Sullivan, Molly Grace Thabet, Ahlam Vaughan, Katherine Mary Wheelden, Madelyn

### 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	
Sarah Schwartz	101.4666	Alaina Kenny	104.1336 (3rd year in a row)
Jacob Fricano	102.2666	Clayton Markham	103.6666 (3rd year in a row)
10th grade		12th grade	
Danielle Lougen	00 1224	Elizabeth Kilnatriek	102 (((0
Danienc Loagen	99.1334	Elizabeth Kilpatrick	102.6668

### ECOS Circulates Books for Earth Day

In April, ECOS celebrated Earth Day by holding a "Reuse Reading & Record Event" at Westhill High School. The event collected used books, records and CDs donated by Westhill students and their families. The goal of this event was to keep used items in circulation, as opposed to buying new or disposing of unwanted items. The event was a great success! All those that donated received book vouchers to attend the event and pick out "new" items. Jaideep Dhamoon and Sydney Hart provided live music at the event. As part of our outreach, over 100 children's books were boxed and sent to Cambodia through KIDTEA. These books will be used to help set up a school library in the Trang Village in Cambodia. Any remaining books were then donated to the Onondaga and Solvay Free Libraries, which they will use as rewards for their summer reading programs! Interested in helping KIDTEA? Please visit: http://www.kidtea.org/. Questions or feedback on ways to continue outreach, please contact Mrs. Weinsztok, ECOS Club Advisor, at: aweinsztok@westhillschools.org



# Westhill High School

### Westhill Alum Visit Forensics Class

Three former Westhill students took the time to visit the Forensics class to speak with students about their careers.

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent, James Lee (class of 2004), spoke to students about the path he took to obtain his position and about different techniques DEA detectives use to conduct investigations.

Specialized Workforce for Acute Transport (SWAT) nurse, Jenn Kozlowski (class of 2005), who works at Upstate Hospital, spoke to the class about the role of nurses in collection of evidence. She had a student volunteer participate in a mock situation and explained what a nurse would do in the situation. Jenn was a student in the first forensics class offered at Westhill.

Forensic Scientist, Samantha Romanyk (class of 2007), is a drug analyst who works at the New York State Police Laboratory in Albany. She explained the protocols used to analyze drug samples and also presented some unique problems she has faced in the laboratory setting.

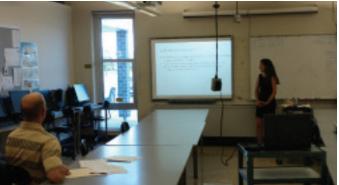
### Forensic Nurse Visits WHS

Anne Galloway, RN and SANE Program Coordinator for Onondaga County, spoke with Mrs. Cornell's Forensics class about her job as a forensic nurse. Nurse Galloway gave the students scenarios in which she would be called to an emergency room to take care of a patient and explained the importance of an initial exam and follow-up care. She discussed the types of questions that she would ask the patient and the significance of each question. The samples/evidence that could be collected was described, and a sample collection kit was on-hand. Potential problems and limitations of evidence were discussed along with the proper collection protocols and paperwork. The involvement of law enforcement and court testimony was addressed. Mrs. Galloway also talked about new job opportunities for forensic nurses across the country. These jobs include investigating death scenes, working in crime laboratories, caring for victims of domestic or elderly abuse and treating gunshot victims.

### Project Lead the Way Presentations

On June 1, Westhill High School held their 18th annual senior project presentations. Each year, seniors in the pre-engineering capstone course, Engineering Design and Development, select a real world engineering design problem and try to solve it. At the end of the year, the students present to a panel of engineers their solution. This year, Jacob Polacek, Kai Wisner and Sil Argentieri worked on an autonomous drone, and Katie MacBain worked on solving the problem of voltage sag in our power lines. We would like to thank Clark Bendall of GE Oil and Gas as well as Mishal Kanabar, a 2005 Westhill graduate and Engineer with Apple Computers, for evaluating the projects.





# 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 were presented with their award on Moving Up Night. Congratulations to Paige Agostini and Jack Bobbett!



#### 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 were Sophia Rubino and Luke Bergett. They received their award on Moving Up Night. Congratulations, Sophia and Luke!



### Young Artist Grants

Seven Westhill instrumental musicians were awarded Senator John A. DeFrancisco Young Artist grants for advanced or ongoing study and summer intensives in the arts.

Grace Lesselroth, Noah Rewakowski, Raeann Curley, Senator DeFrancisco, Isa Cardoso, Jacob Fricano, Sophia Rubino and Brianna Sexton (not pictured).



# OHMS Honor Roll 2016-2017 Quarter 4

#### **Grade 8 High Honor**

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth Bergett, Luke Jeffrey Blossey, Emma Margaret Bobbett, Jack Stewart Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen Caron, Sophia Terese Centore, Henry Joseph Conroe, Lily Peyton Cote, Mary Lily Curley, Raeann Brooke Delano, William Carl Dorfman, Cassie Grace Felter, Tess Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Anne Kate Grooms, Griffin Richard Hunt, James Edward King, Benjamin John Langdon, Sophie LaParne, Katherine Grace Locke, Kassadi Lougen, Justin James Madigan, Emily Drew Malone, Cristian Michael Markham, Ella Marie McMahon, Maggie Rose McPeak, Katherine Anne Moriarity, Lee Vincent Nowicki, Kylie Sierra Powers, Jackson Lewis Raus, Emma Elizabeth Robb, Ava Kathleen Robbins, Makenna Elise Ryan, Maeve Janice Shanahan, Madison Reilly Tarolli, Vincent Matthew Terrinoni, Ashley Rose Thomas, Madison Alexis VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly Wilsch, Mairead Norine Wisner, Tarvn Anne Yeates, Jack William Zollo, Brooke Olivia

#### **Grade 8 Honor**

Ascioti, Cali Mae Barcza, Rylee Madison Bealer, Madison Jean BenYehuda, Boaz Bowles IV, Donald William Britt, Michael Philip

Caputo, Kwinn Nicholas Carr, Angelo Carroccia Chaffee, Conrad Louis Clancy, Ryan Michael Clayton, Kyle Thomas Conley, Meghan Elizabeth D'Agostino, Hannah Grace DeMore, Claire Colleen Derrenbacher, Eden Clara Desanto, Anthony John Doss, Jada Opal Felter, Aidan Thomas Garbutt, Hannah Marie Graves, Kelsey Leann Greeley, Nicholas Jerome Griffin, Myles Alexander Herne, Daniel Steven LaVeck, Jade Lynn LoFaro, Maria Theresa Mechowski, Emma Kelly Niezabytowski, Cameron Polcaro, Samuel Stephen Rey, Isabella Marie Richardson, Morgan Anne Rienhardt, Lenora Marie Rinaldi, Hailey Marie Rubino, Christian Iames Rubino, Sophia Rose Shepherd, Ian James Smith, Hope Christina Speicher, Cael Speicher, Payne Strelec, Dmitri Aleksandr Thomas, Myshaun Myron Walker, Colin Patrick Welch, Jaida McKenzie

#### **Grade 7 High Honor**

Adams, Alanna Michelle Albert, Nicolette Parody Alberts, Alexandra Helene Balduzzi, Sarah Marie Battista, Kaylin Amanda Benderski, Sofia Stefana Bradley, William Theodore Burkett, Travis Michael Cardoso, Isabella Grace Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey Carrock, Daniel Peter Carroll, Delaney Rose Centore, Sofia Grace Colucci, Rachel Dubaniewicz, Alexandra

Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth Elias, Angelina Rose Formica, Charlotte Marilyn Fountain, Kendall Marie Gangemi, Emily Jo Gorman, Emma Kathryn Gratien, Jonathan Daniel Greeson, Benjamin Robert Gross, Dominic Heinrich, Kate Rose Herrera, Mia Pilar Hunter, Claire Terese Johnston, Hannah Rose Jones, Isabella Katherine Kenny, Brian Anthony Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth MacCaull, Kyle Mahar, Liam Patrick Mannion, Brady O'Brien Mathews, Alvin McGlynn, Ella Marie McMahon, Clare Caitlin McQueeney, Julia Noel Miggiani, Abigail Chloe Milham, Julia Pauline Moore, Anthony Moriarty, Megan Elise O'Hearn, Kyleigh Elizabeth Patrie, Colleen Theresa Pens, Quinn Maria Rewakowski, Noah Daniel Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph Russell, Julia Marie Satalin, John Ryan Schwartz, Christopher Brian Starowicz, Hannah Louise Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

#### **Grade 7 Honor**

Abedrabbah, Zarifeh Allen, Brian Alexander Allen, Corine Ceresa Argentieri, Francesca Eade Bova, Daniel Paul Burdick, Tyson Douglas Case, Amanda Mary Castracane, Anthony Michael Cook, Molly Katherine Czyz, Sean D'Agostino, Ryan Andrew Dadey, Catherine

Daniul, Geoffrey Donovan Dhamoon, Harsimran Dowd, Katherine Patricia Frost, Evan Allen Grooms, Riley Kathryn Heffernan, Ryan Daniel Johnson, Luke Patrick Kilaru, Narmada Sai Kirkby Jr., Rodney LaFex, Nicholas LaVine, Kayla Quinn Loose, Kassidy Rae Maglisco, Anthony J Mahoney, Patrick Bernard Mesa-Espinosa, Angie Metzgar, Quinton Khan Mulholland, Brandon Michael Nizam, Arman Sami O'Connell, Gracelyn Ososkalo, Alex Paetow, Mary Grace Panek, Sebastian Patel, Rushi Pecheny, Natalia Pelsue, Matthew Thomas Phillips, Robert Rodgers, Aidan Nicholas Rosati, Marisa Olivia Sampo, Isabella Grace Scheirer, Madison Arlene Schoonmaker, Cole Robert Scott, Mia Sara Sherwood, Rachel Avery Simonds, Anthony Small, Jack Charles Stanton, John Thomas Thayer, Hannah Rose Thomas, Ben Sener Thornton, Aaron Patrick Thornton, Bridget Ann Townsend, Michael David Vanderhoff, Hailey Voltz, Jason Winkler, Grace Breason

#### **Grade 6 High Honor**

Abdelfatah, Gisele Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Bealer, Morgan Sierra Bendall, Katherine Jill Bergett, Alexis Rose Bistrovich, Sydney Elise Bleskoski, Julianne Terese

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Bolesh, Ashley Susan Bryant, Keegan Michael Buckman, Carter Leon Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin Centore, Bohdan Patrick Clos, Mallory Margarete Conley, Shannon Marie Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine Dalton, Julia Elizabeth Delay, Kieran Michael Delia, George Derrick, James Robert Dillabough, Karly Donadio, Alexandra Elizabeth Donegan, Ryan Flaherty Donnelly, Nathan Patrick Gilhooley, Rachel Louise Gilmartin, Luke Gonnella, Olivia Goode, Aidan William Graf, Simon Michael Hamlin, Aubrey James Heise, Mackenzie Grace Holowinski, Olivia Marie Hynes, Lee Michael Kelly, McKenna Eileen Khairallah, Mark Ramzi Kinsella, Lilyanna

Klamm, Domenica Marie Lowery, Adelaide Margaret Lubel, Margaret Anna Markham, Iris Mary McQueeney, Lia Clare Militello, Samuel Militi, Vittoria Nowicki, Justin Jacob Ortiz, Manuel Pawelczyk, Amanda Polcaro, Elizabeth Rogers, Sean Patrick Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth Rosenberger, Anna Kerr Roth, Charlotte Ryan, Aidan Christopher Sammon, Aidan Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose Sisson, Caitlin Kelly Snyder, Mary Katherine Sondej, Andrew Starowicz, Emmet Stephenson, Sean Michael Stiner, Lucas Marcos Taber, Bradyn Shea Vaughan, Abbey Walker, Delaney Jean

#### **Grade 6 Honor**

Alt, Leonard Angell, Jane Marie Antoine, Olivia Maive BenYehuda, Ella Blount, Tatianna Carter, Ashley Knobel Carter, Brooke Kelly Centore, Ian Matthew Cominolli, Nathaniel Cottrell, Abigail Mae Curtis, Julian Czaplicki, Kalista Jane Dwyer, Megan Feliu, Kaelin Grace Fletcher, Grace Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy Galante, Joseph Greeley, Emily Nicole Guzman, Fernando Hagrman, Katelyn Anne Heagerty, Finnbarr Houck, Natalia Kerr, Aiden Jay Kimball, Joseph Paul LoCurto, Alexandra Noelle LoFaro, Nicole Martini, Garet Matthew

Mayes, Shawn William McKeon, Madison Rose Mersfelder, Mia Monic, Ysabella Naughton, Ryan Neuman, Dakota Dayhngher Nicoll, Baillie Osorio, Anthony Pagano, Anthony Christopher Popp, Abigail Popp, Keara Elizabeth Richardson, Brady Stephen Rizzo, Alaina Marie Roesch, Teresa Savage, Luke James Terrinoni, Natalie Marie Thabet, Ilham Thomas, Brady Charles Townley, Austin Dale Trzonkowski, Mark Joseph Valenza, Zachary Daniel Villa, Emma Ward, Chloe Elizabeth

# A Friendly Visit

Throughout the year, students in Mrs. Fairbanks's fifth grade class formed a special friendship with the senior residents at Brookdale Summerfield. Cards were sent back and forth for the different seasons and holidays. In June, students had the opportunity to visit. Fifth graders each read a piece of poetry they had written and then got to hear about the life experiences of numerous residents. Many have had amazing jobs, traveled across the globe and experienced historical events such as World War II. The next day, in a written reflection, one student wrote, "The residents brought tears to my eyes," and, "These residents taught me to live life to the fullest." Another student reflected, "I learned that to make other people smile makes you super happy." A different student wrote, "I will have that memory of yesterday with me my whole life." This heart-warming visit was a wonderful way to end the school year.



# Onondaga Hill Middle School

#### Students of the Month

#### May

5th grade: Grady Pens is a hard working student and is very helpful with other students. He has a kind heart. He is a happy, positive kid who has a lot of enthusiasm.

6th grade: Bodie Centore excels in everything he does whether working on a project or helping others to succeed both in and out of the classroom. He is a very humble individual, demonstrates great maturity for his age and is a strong leader. He is consistently respectful of his peers and teachers and carries a positive attitude everywhere he goes.

7th grade: Sarah Balduzzi has an awesome attitude. She is musically talented. She is engaged in her learning and very meticulous in her work. She is kind, respectful and an overall great kid!

8th grade: Tess Felter is conscientious and hard working. Every assignment is completed at a high level of quality and creativity. Tess is responsible and a positive role model for her classmates.



#### June

5th grade: Alex Plochocki is a dedicated student. He strives for excellence and is always diligent in his work. He takes the time to make sure he does his best work and it is reflected in all his assignments and projects. He is a gentle and caring friend to classmates and is always there to lend a hand. He has great ambitions and is willing to work hard to achieve his goals. He is graciously humble and is well deserving of the student of the month.

6th grade: Kieran Delay works very hard. He always approaches each task with tremendous commitment and enthusiasm. Kieran works well with all students, often leading the group throughout a project. He is very detail oriented and makes sure he understands all directions before working on an assignment. He has a positive attitude as seen by his infectious smile and always strives to do his best.

7th grade: Aaron Thornton is a kind, respectful and compassionate student. He has an optimism that keeps a cheerful disposition and promotes positivity not just benefiting himself, but also those around him.

8th grade: Niko Georgiadis is a compassionate and conscientious student. He is polite, respectful, kind to everyone and he is always upbeat and smiling. Niko brightens up every room he enters!



# Onondaga Hill Middle and Cherry Road Schools

### **Endangered Animals PBL**

Fifth grade students were involved in a Project Based Learning on Endangered Animals. Students from Mrs. Weinsztok's high school biology classes partnered up with the fifth graders throughout the project. Working together, the students came up with creative solutions to tackle the problems of the endangered animals and made presentations, commercials and displays. They also made items to sell to donate to the cause. It was a wonderful learning experience and the connections between grade levels was rewarding for all.



### Farewell Fourth Graders

On June 22, Cherry Road School celebrated their fourth graders as they move on to OHMS! Pictured are Ms. Appel's and Mrs. D'Amico's classes telling everyone what they loved about Cherry Road School and what they look forward to in middle school. Family members came to the ceremony to see a presentation by each class and the ceremonial walk across the "stage" to signify the move from school to school. Each child received a certificate and also a "Westhill Warriors" water bottle. After the program, everyone enjoyed refreshments outdoors. CRS would like to thank WEST for the water bottles and refreshments as well as all of the help in organizing the event. They are so dedicated to our school. Farewell fourth graders - we will miss you. Best wishes for much success at OHMS!



# Thank You Empower Credit Union

Throughout the school year, Empower Credit Union visited Cherry Road School for our school baking program. Children were able to learn the importance of saving money with the help of the program's mascot, Dollar Dog. To culminate the program, Empower treated the entire school to ice cream. It sure was a perfect treat for a June day!



# **Cherry Road School**

### Gillie Lake Fun

Third graders ended the year with a fun celebration at Gillie Lake. The weather was perfect for a day full of activities. Students made crafts, had their faces painted, played lots and lots of games and had picnic lunch with their friends. Thanks so much to WEST for funding this terrific event and to all the wonderful parents for volunteering their time to help the day run smoothly. Everyone had a fantastic time!





# **CRS Water Carnival**

On June 20, Cherry Road School students enjoyed their annual water carnival.





# **Cherry Road School**

#### Fourth Grade Awards



Owen Mulholland, Jerry Klamm, Grace Bergett and Mrs. Mulderig

Each year at Cherry Road School, one boy and one girl are given awards in honor of two former Cherry Road Elementary School principals. The students are nominated for these awards by staff. The Marion Parsons award (in honor of the school's first principal) was established in 1952 and the Ron Hill School Spirit Award in 1994. This year's Marion Parsons recipients were Jerry Klamm and Grace Bergett. The Ron Hill recipients were Samantha Burkett and Owen Mulholland. Congratulations!



Samantha Burkett and Mrs. Mulderig

#### Senior Walk

An annual tradition has begun at Cherry Road School. Graduating seniors from Westhill High School paraded the halls of Cherry Road while elementary students cheered for them. Clapping, cow bells, signs and smiles filled the halls. In addition to the Cherry Road students having role models to look up to, the teachers loved seeing their former students, although it was a bit difficult to recognize them after all these years. The event was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to our Westhill seniors from all of us at Cherry Road!



#### **Book Drive**

Cherry Road and Walberta Park teamed up to fill buckets, 343 of them to be exact! This was our second annual Griffin's Guardians Book Drive. Families donated 343 brand new books to help fill the book closet for the pediatric cancer floor at Golisano Children's Hospital. A big shout out to the CRS and WPS students and their families. Way to go everyone! With every book, we bring a smile to a child's face. Thanks for remembering that other people matter.

Pictured are Mrs. Mulderig, Rita Griffin fom Griffin's Guardians Book Drive, Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Ziober.



# Walberta Park School

### Flag Day Parade

First Grade students from WPS proudly carried the school's banner during this year's Flag Day celebration. Pictured are Dean Francisco, Winnie Zheng, Vienna D'Amico, Tommy Tarolli, Jackson Pratt, Cameron Dowd and Kara Lippert.



### Field Days

The students at Walberta Park enjoyed a day of playing water relay races, hula-hoop games and running around on the playground during their field days hosted by Mr. Dennis. Pictured is Ms. Balla's class cheering on Will Tyszka and Charlie Glover as they race to the finish line while trying to keep the water in their cup.



# Safety Tips

WPS students learned safety tips the last day of school. Liz Sapio from Upstate Golisano came to talk about some safety tips to remember and Carlos Tearney from Champions Martial Arts talked to the kids about summer safety and stranger danger.





### Yoga Poses

Students enjoyed Yoga with Midge Regier. The students learned how to identify feelings and calm their bodies. They also practiced some of their favorite Yoga poses.



# Walberta Park School

### Summer Reading Program

The Onondaga Free Public Library wants students to participate in their Summer Reading Program. This summer's theme is "Build a Better World." Mrs. Tucker, a representative from OFL, encouraged students to check out the library's fun collection for kids. Students can earn prizes for reading all summer long.



### **OHMS Picnics at WPS**

Mr. Auge's and Mrs. Shepardson's sixth grade classes paired with Mrs. Merritt's and Mrs. McShane's kindergarten classes this year. The middle schoolers visited Walberta in December and wrote down the kindergartners stories. Sixth graders programmed MORK the robot to tell each child's story. This spring, the kindergartners headed to OHMS to have snacks with their middle school buddies and to hear MORK tell their story. The students all got together again in June, and this time, they had time to play, participate in outdoor activities and picnic together!



# Moving Up Ceremony

Mrs. Kramer reads a poem to students during this year's Moving Up Ceremony at WPS. Congratulations to all first grade students moving on to CRS. We will miss you!



### CAPITAL PROJECT TIMELINE

#### Summer/Fall 2017

- WHS Skin Replacement West/South
- WHS Academic Wing 3rd Floor Renovations
- WHS Exterior Toilet Room
- WHS Boys' Locker Room Renovations
- WHS Site Improvements
- OHMS Parking Lot and Drainage
- OHMS Vestibule Addition
- WPS Entrance and Site Work

### **Summer 2018**

- WHS Skin Replacement East/North
- WHS Academic Wing 3rd Flor Renovations
- WHS Girls' Locker Room Renovations
- WHS Site Improvements
- OHMS Parent Drop Off

### Onondaga Hill Middle School

New Vestibule – The vestibule addition will be completed by late September 2017 while parking lot renovations at the vestibule area will not be fully completed until summer 2018. Current exterior doors out of cafeteria will be temporarily closed off due to vestibule addition work taking place right outside of this area.

Please take note that the construction of the vestibule will alter the student pick up and drop off pattern in the side parking lot. Please be patient as the upgrade to the parking lot will be completed over two summers. This will include (pictured below) a new entrance location, scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2018. The pattern for the 2017-2018 school year, as we transition to full completion, will reduce the size of the parking lot and may slow the process of pick ups/drop offs for this school year.



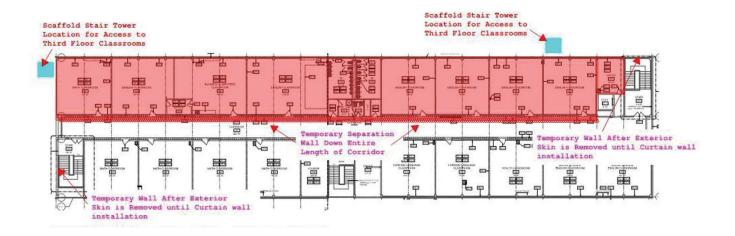
New Entrance Vestibule OHMS (to be completed summer 2018)

### Westhill High School

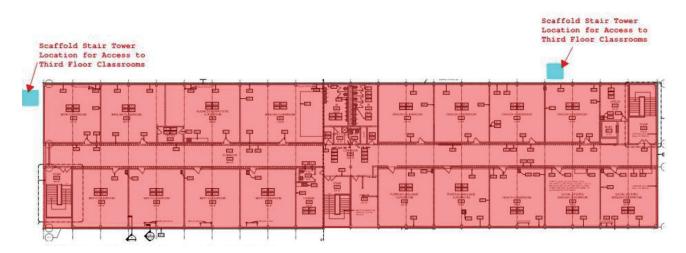
Academic Wing 3rd Floor – Flooring and ceilings have been removed from classrooms and the corridor in preparation for renovation work to be completed from now until August 2018. All ceiling infrastructure will be visible. The exposed ceiling structure will be painted to provide a temporary finished look while occupied by students from September 2017 – February 2018. Lockers will remain along the east half of the main corridor while a temporary wall will separate renovation work on the west half of the 3rd floor from the east half of the floor.

Academic Wing 2nd Floor – Students and staff will occupy the east half of the 2nd floor from September 2017 – February 2018 while exterior wall/siding replacement work is completed along the west side of the building. Floors and ceilings have been modified slightly to create new pipe chases from the basement to the 3rd floor to accommodate the 3rd floor renovations.

\*During the school year, the majority of work will take place outside of school hours.



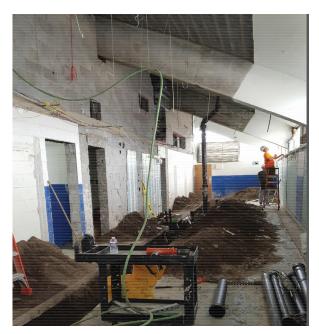
September 2017- February 2018 High School 3rd Floor - Shaded Areas Will Be Offline as Indicated



February Break 2017 - Summer 2018



WHS Exterior Panel Removal



WHS Boys' Locker Room



WHS Academic Wing 3rd Floor Demolition





WHS Rendition of 3rd Floor Science Wing

### Westhill High School Exterior Envelope

The existing Westhill academic wing, built in 1961, is a prominent feature for the Westhill High School. The existing building was designed with a precast cladding system with very little insulation. The academic wing is orientated with classroom windows on a double loaded corridor facing east/west orientation. To improve these conditions, the existing academic wing was modeled and analyzed using energy modeling software to find a baseline for energy efficiency and ways daylighting in the classroom could be made less harsh due to the east/west orientation.

The design includes replacing the exterior envelope with new windows, a terracotta rainscreen system with continuous insulation and replacing ventilation systems to create a high performance classroom wing. The east/west orientation of the windows in the classroom wing were causing glare during the morning and afternoon in these rooms. Vertical aluminum shading fins will be applied to the east/west facades to cut down the glare in these rooms. The south facade will be opened up with glazing at the entrance stairway to create a new dynamic image for the high school campus. The materials, such as terracotta, were chosen to incorporate the best sustainable thinking into the project.

The academic wing exterior wall and window replacement along the west and south elevations will be ongoing through the fall of 2017. The site fence and trailers adjacent to the bus loop and along the west side of the building will remain through the summer of 2018.





# Use of Shading Fins

Many district residents have asked about the appearance of the exterior facade. The district and design team are utilizing shading fins to help control the morning/afternoon glare on the east/ west sides of the building as the path of the sun changes throughout the school day. This is also critical for occupant visual and thermal comfort. The shade cooling fins will be approximately 36" apart.

For more information, please feel free to contact Casey Barduhn, Superintendent of Schools, or Steve Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration.

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# Westhill District News

# Congratulations, 2017 Retirees!



T.J. McGrory, Carol Cibik, Kris Sidon, Al Lemanczyk, Jean Metz, Marianne Glose and Lou Ann Lee Missing: Terry Blaich, Pam Blocklin and Vince Sobol