

NYS Troopers Make Special Delivery

A Westhill student who lost his stuffed German Shepherd, Douglas, in a fire back in April received a special gift from the NYS Troopers. They heard Douglas had come from their exhibit at the NYS Fair years ago, and were able to find a replacement. They even brought along one of their own German Shepherds for this special delivery. Thank you NYS Troopers PBA, especially Troop D Commander Major Darrin S. Pitkin, Trooper Eric Knapp and K9 Scotty for making this special visit! We are happy to report that Douglas #2 is enjoying his time with his new buddy.



Academic Decathlon

In February, the Academic Decathlon team earned first place at the State competition to become the New York State Champions, allowing them to move on to the national competition. Several students won individual medals including Paige Agostini (Honors Division: 2 gold medals, 2 bronze medals), Madison Bealer (Scholastic Division: 6 bronze medals), Anne Fitzgerald (Scholastic Division: highest overall score, 1 gold medal, 3 silver medals), Angelo Carr (Varsity Division: 1 silver medal), Isabel Dickinson-Cominolli (Varsity Division: 3 gold medals, 2 silver medals, 1 bronze medal), Ian Shepherd (Varsity Division: 1 gold medal, 3 silver medals, 1 bronze medal), Abby Adams (Alternate Division: 1 gold medal), Bodie Centore (Alternate Division: 1 gold medal), Abby Miggiani (Alternate Division: 3 gold medals) and Sean Rogers (Alternate Division: 1 gold medal).

We are so proud to announce that Paige Agostini won a silver medal and Andrea Vigliotti won a bronze medal in the interview event at the USAD National Competition. Both women also won \$250 scholarships. Paige for being voted as the MVP for the team and Andrea for having the highest individual score on the team. Congratulations to all the other senior competitors; James Hunt, Ian Shepard, Madison Bealer, Anne Fitzgerald, Isabel Dickinson-Cominolli and Angelo Carr. We are so impressed with our entire team, and we look forward to another successful year.



Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools

Plants and Animals

The kindergartners at Walberta have been wrapping up a unit on plants and animals. Students studied live plants and fish, documenting what they saw in their notebooks. They planted seeds and observed the growth. Mrs. Merritt's class is pictured with their animal habitat trioramas, paper bag animal puppets and sunflowers they planted.



WPS Walking and Running Club

The Site-Based Team at Walberta Park is hosting a Walking and Running Club on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings before school in June. The classes are divided due to Covid regulations and 60 children are participating total over the three days. We are excited for the opportunity to start our days in a fun and healthy way!



4th Grade Book Club

4th graders had the opportunity to participate in an after school book club with Mrs. Backus, Mrs. Hunter and Miss Rivito. The club met every other week. Initially meetings happened during hybrid learning and were virtual. The group was excited to be in-person for our most recent sessions. Most recently, the group read and discussed Wishtree by Katherine Applegate. The students shared thoughtful perspectives on the importance of treating everyone with respect and kindness.



CRS Running Club

During the months of May and June, Mr. Connelly has been hosting a 4th grade running club. Students arrive shortly after 8:00 am and spend about thirty to forty minutes walking and running outside while counting laps to accrue miles. Mr. Connelly engages students in this fun activity as a great start to their morning and as a way to teach a lifelong skill.



Cherry Road and Onondaga Hill Middle Schools

Pollination

Second graders have been studying about flowers, pollination and pollinators. They have been researching different pollinators for their research projects. Through funding from the Westhill Educational Foundation, they were able to watch the life cycle of a butterfly, plant flowers and let them free to help with pollination!



Art Room Happenings

Mrs. Feyerabend's 8th grade art students are so creative! They were asked to try a few clay techniques and then build a sculpture from these. The building methods they used were slab, coil and pinch. These neat little totems were created by Jose Lopez, Lauren Kimball, Caleigh Kelly, Colin Kelly, Auriana Bressler and Cecilia Rumschik.



Who doesn't love to communicate with emojis? Our amazing 6th graders morphed their own emojis with artists past and present; Romero Britto, Michel Keck, Amedeo Modigliani, Edvard Munch, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko and Georges Seurat. Shown here is Eva Soule's artwork.



Mrs. Feyerabend's 5th grade entrepreneurial-artists are thinking ahead (really far ahead). They were asked to list their interests, hobbies and possible career choices. This bunch of go-getters came up with some pretty cool future jobs!

Will Tyszka - Environmental Architect; Dalton Guralny - Hotelier; Addy Tremblay - Art Studio; Joe Marinelli - Writing/Lego Studio and Julia Flegel - Cat Cafe Owner



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

March

5th Grade: Rider Mercurio is a very hard-working student. He is always willing to ask questions to make sure he is on the right track. Rider is a very kind, caring classmate who is willing to help anyone. He is a wonderful role model. Great job, Rider!

6th Grade: Sophia Lasher consistently tries her hardest in all of her courses by coming to class prepared, participating in every class discussion and advocating for herself when she needs some reassurance. In addition, she looks out for her peers making sure they understand what is happening in class, or making sure they know how to find their way online. She has excellent personal skills and always brings a smile with her!

7th Grade: Maggie Vaughan is kind, caring and responsible. She is a good communicator and quietly leads in the classroom. She works hard and has a great attitude!

8th Grade: Camryn Mathews shows dedication and excellent work ethic in everything that she puts her mind to. Not only is she a great role model for her peers, she also does all that she can to help others. Camryn gives up her study hall time so she can provide extra help to some of her younger peers. Way to go Camryn, keep it up!

April

5th Grade: Addison Root is an awesome student. She has done a great job of quietly leading in the classroom. She always has her work done and showed incredible responsibility when she was remote. She advocates for herself when she needs help.

6th Grade: Edhem Thabet is extremely helpful to his classmates, his teachers and even substitute teachers! He is quick to let one know if they have forgotten something or if they need assistance. He goes above and beyond in his classes always asking if he can do more. He has a terrific attitude toward everything he works on.

7th Grade: Chris Sierotnik did an excellent job of attending all Meets and working hard while remote. He takes all of his assignments seriously and is focused and attentive. Chris is polite to everyone and kind to his peers.

8th Grade: TJ Pichoske is a very hardworking and conscientious student. Not only does he excel in the classroom, but he is always willing to help others. Recently, he was observed going out of his way in the library to help a classmate who was struggling. Keep up the good work, TJ!

OHMS Musical

A standing ovation to cast and crew members of the OHMS production: SAGE A Musical Reflection! You jumped into a unique year of show production. You worked hard and demonstrated your ability to shine. BRAVO! The entire Westhill community is so proud of your achievements! SAGE A Musical Reflection is available to view on Youtube now. <https://youtu.be/3zVYRE9BjTA>

Teen Zone Savings Account

It's The Perfect Time To Grow Flowers And Your Teen Zone Savings Account. Flowers and Teen Zone saving accounts need special attention to help them grow. Flowers need water and Teen Zone savings accounts need money to help them grow. Whenever you earn or receive money, deposit it right into your Teen Zone savings account through your school's in-school banking program. Every time you make a deposit, your savings account will grow! Not yet a Teen Zone saver? Contact Lauri Hoover at 315.728.3474 or lhoover@empowerfcu.com to join. Membership eligibility required. Insured by NCUA.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Math Team Excels

Congratulations to the OHMS math team as they placed 2nd overall in the Countywide event! A special congratulations to Sike Ajagbe who ranked 1st among all 8th grade competitors in Onondaga County. Great job Ava Antoine, Molly Dorfman, Sike Ajagbe, Kayleigh King and Julian Metzgar.



Ecosystems

Fifth graders have been learning about how every animal, big or small, is essential to its ecosystem staying balanced. The last component of the ecosystem study involved a research project. Each student investigated and educated the class about an endangered animal. The students presented their research in a Google slide presentation and made an animal replica using materials that they had at home.



Regional Battle of the Books

On April 16, our 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams competed in the Regional Battle of the Books. Our 7th/8th grade team, The Brilliant Booksters, with members Jocelyn Caputo, Kayleigh King and Trinity Speer and awesome coach, Desiree Wight, did a great job competing and coming in 4th place overall.

Our 5th/6th grade Battle of the Books team, The Bookworm, with members Reagan Dixon, McKenzie Schug, Emma Collacchi and Kaylie MacMaster led by their inspirational coach, Mr. Jackson, took first place in the Regional Battle of the Books! The formidable school opponents were Baldwinsville, Cazenovia, Cincinnatus, Central Square, DeRuyter, ESM, Hannibal, LaFayette, Marcellus, Phoenix and Fabius-Pompey. As the regional winners, we will be proudly displaying the Battle of the Books plaque here at OHMS. This team is already strategizing for next year's battle where they will defend their title and bring home the win for 2022. We are so proud of all our OHMS Readers! #justkeepreading

Author Visits OHMS

On Monday, March 22, the Onondaga Hill Middle School hosted an author visit with a New York Times bestselling author. Everyone at OHMS has been reading author Stuart Gibbs' books in preparation for this event. The students were given an Author Choice Board assignment in their ELA classes in which they were able to submit questions to ask Mr. Gibbs. They submitted over 100 questions. Twenty lucky students were chosen to ask their questions during our virtual meet up. The author was very impressed with the questions they asked. Although we wish our visit could have been in person, it was awesome getting to spend an hour with him. It is always fascinating to learn about each individual author and their writing process. We even got to meet his dog. A huge shout out to the Westhill Educational Foundation for supporting this event! With the generosity of the Westhill Educational

Foundation, we were able to give away over 20 of his awesome books. #justkeepreading



OHMS Honor Roll 2020-2021 Quarter 3

Grade 8 High Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike Oluwatofunmi
Antoine, Ava
Baty, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
Cowin, Timothy
DeLine, William
Detor, Claire Ann
Dorfman, Molly Claire
Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Gedney, Ellianna Kathleen
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Heise, Morgan Lindsay
Henesey, Luke
Holowinski, Aubrey
Joyce, Camaryn
Kelly, Caleigh Grace
Kimball, Lauren
Klamm, Jeremiah James
Kodoe, Godwin Yayra
LaReau, Abigail
MacBain, Sydney
Mathews, Camryn Jaye
McGann, Julie
Medeiros, Sydney
Merrick, Thomas
Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
Pawelczyk, Ashley
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Popp, Edward Thomas
Ramsing, Cadence Marie
Rienhardt, Emily
Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria
Rose, Conor James
Rosenberger, Kara
Scheel, Nicholas
Sheridan, Riley
Sipley, Laney
Sisack, Emlyn
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Thabet, Sabri
Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 8 Honor

Abedrabbah, Razan
Abraham, Sarah
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille Mae
Balduzzi, Emily
Eldred, Zane
Goral, Kaylee Ann
Griffin, Maxwell Sean
Hart, Mikayla
Hayes V, Robert
Herring, Quinn
Jetter, Siena
Juman, Eli Stuart
Kelly, Colin William
Marshall, Emma
Mattox, Aliyah Elizabeth
Murphy, Jonathan Immanuel Michael
Pease, Jack Ryan
Pirong, Joseph Michael
Robinson, Omar
Roesch, Elizabeth Rose
Sampo, Anthony Richard
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Simpson, Juakin Kareem
Stanton, Laura Rose
Swierk, Ryan Francis
Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
Valenti, Roman Paul
White, Collin Patrick

Grade 7 High Honor

Aguayo, Isabella Amada
Amidon, Aiden Christopher
Anderson, Elizabeth Helen
Bruzdinski III, John Francis
Cognato, John Michael
Curtis, Fenris Takahiro
Czaplicki, Benjamin Charles
Eckert, Anna Mary
Ganley, Caroline Eloise
Goode, Delaney Christa
Goode, Hadley Martha
Goodness, Jackson Edward
Gorman, Grace Mary
Hayes, John Edward
Holleran, Liam Daniel
Holstein, Eric Vaughn
Hunt, Thomas John
Jackson, Anna May
Kenny, Ronan Pdraig
Kenny, Tiernan Eoin
King, Kayleigh Joan
Lopez, Collin Ramiro
Militi, Eva Concetta
Mondo, Andrew Jacob
Napolitano, Stella Camille
Olesh, Anita

Pens, Kellen Shepherd
Pope, Sienna
Prince, Elias
Rice, Lorenzo
Roach, Meara Jade
Ryan, Molly Kathleen
Sadowski, Andrew James
Sainsbury, Claire Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Ryan Edmund
Scarfino, Dominic Francis
Schmitz, Lily Marie
Soule, Madelyn Rose
Sparks, Olivia Michelle
Speer, Trinity
Swierk, Paige Marie
Thabet, Loyal Adam
Thabet, Rudayna Nagib
Turner, Braelyn Elizabeth
Vaughan, Margaret Colleen
Ward, Alexis Veronica
Wilson, Carter Wayne
Wright, Reagan Cathryn
Young, Katherine Rose

Grade 7 Honor

Alogaily, Sultan Abdulrahman
Amorese, Gabriel Paul
Buckley, Grace Marie
Campanella, Tyler David
Carroll, Miles Alexander
Carruthers, Adelynn Grace
Cowin, Maxwell Thomas
D'Agostino, Elizabeth Mary
Downs, Blake Aaron
Drumm-O'Brien, Emma Lynn
Franco, Mason Richard
Gilhooley, Brendan William
Goodwin, Zachary James
Hayes, Selina Kathryn
Hoffman, Sophia Rose
Kincaid, Cormac James
Kohanski, Adriana Julia
Langham, Allison McKinlea
May, Ella
McKeon, Hunter Robert
Mullen, Eileen
Ortiz, Leila Susan
Perry, Alexa Jordyn
Petrone, Calvin Daniel
Ramos, Carlos
Richardson, Carter William
Rudiger, Abigail Leyden
Satalin, Erin Elizabeth
Shepherd, Ellis Jaxon
Sierotnik, Christopher John Jr.
Snyder, Samantha Anne
Somers, Adelynn Rose
Sommer, Adele Kathryn

Onondaga Hill Middle and Westhill High Schools

Grade 7 Honor continued

Tysza, Alexander Raymond
Valerino, Angelina Marie
Vitale, Dominic James

Grade 6 High Honor

Allen, Max Murphy
Altheblat, Brahim Akram
Bagnell, Tatum Claire
Bruzdinski, Lottie Rose Elizabeth
Cardoso, Nicolas Zanaga
Choe, Austin Jongwoo
Conroy, Mackenzie Anne
Crawford, Lane Cavanaugh
DeLine, Lucas Adam
DeMore, Lucy Kathleen
DeTomaso, Giana Grace
Detor, Mary Katherine
Finnerty, Ryan Fahey
Frasier, Jackson Robert
Gallardo, Isabella Maria
Gehm, Tyler Joseph
Gillis, Hannah Eileen
Headd, John-Paul Joseph
Hemingway, Arianna Diana-Rayne
Henese, Matthew James
Ide, Caitlin
Jackson, Jake Thomas
Johnston, Liam Patrick
Kelly, Claire Elizabeth
Kelly, Teagan Tomol

Kimball, Samantha Emily
Kinney, Mary Grace
Kodoe, Andrea-Ann Kafui
Krenrich, Kaitlin Ann
Lasher, Sophia Rose
McGann, Sean
McNeilly, Hazel Lynn
McRae, Ayanah
Montalto, Adelina Theresa
Moore, James Patrick
Murphy, Kaylin Grace
Nagraj, Mariana Rose
Pawelczyk, Allison Grace
Rogers, Reagan Elizabeth
Rouse, Brielle Charlice
Scanlon, Charles Edward
Sobotka, Mariusz Corliss
Soule, Eva Marie
Spasevski, Ivana
Thabet, Dhuha Ibrahim
Thabet, Edhem Abdullwhhab
Walker, Elyse Rhiannon
West, Emma Rose
Wilmot, Owen
Young, Daniel William
Young, Trevor
Zuckerman, Zoe Rose

Grade 6 Honor

Abdallah, Sadeen Omran
Alberts, Adeline Rose

Allen, Brooke Catherine
Austin, Nevaeh Marie
Boston, Adaoma Nancy
Clarry, Bryson Eli
Collins, Aiden Michael
Columbus, Kailyn Brianne
Conley, Colleen Mackenzie
D'Agostino, Claire Catherine
Edlund, Kiera Ann
Ellis, Christine Elizabeth
Enright, Aaliyah Rosemary
Gray, Owen Benjamin
Hodkinson, Anna Genevieve
Horning, Grace Margaret
Judge, Charles Michael
MacLachlan, Thomas Edward
Marshall, Ava Mary
Mersfelder, Tyler William
Murphy, Lucy Nicole
Northrup, Jolynn
Par, Tluang
Pendergast, Cooper Jeffrey
Primiano, Eulalia Mary
Ryan, Elliette Jade
Taylor, Addison Marie
Vashchishin, Samuel
Wallace, Ashton
Williamson, Cayden Edward

National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 CTE students on their recent induction into the National Technical Honor Society. These students are completing their respective two year programs having split their time between taking classes and completing the CTE component at BOCES and various work sites.

Left to right:

Hannah D'Agostino, New Vision Medical Professions
Lenora Rienhardt, Construction Technology
Madison Dennison, Laboratory Technology
Emily Madigan, New Vision Medical Professions
Payne Speicher, New Vision Engineering
Jennifer Dussing, New Vision Criminal Justice
Harshdeep Banga, New Vision Medical Professions
Not pictured: Rylee Barcza, Health Occupations and Kelsey Graves, Laboratory Technology



WHS Honor Roll 2020-2021 Quarter 3

Grade 12

Abraham, Amani
Agostini, Paige Elizabeth
Banga, Harshdeep Singh
Bealer, Madison Jean
Bergett, Luke Jeffrey
Blossey, Emma Margaret
Bobbett, Jack Stewart
Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen
Caron, Sophia Terese
Centore, Henry Joseph
Clancy, Ryan Michael
Clayton, Kyle Thomas
Cote, Mary Lily
Curley, Raeann Brooke
Davis, Angel
Desanto, Anthony John
Dorfman, Cassie Grace
Doss, Jada Opal
Felter, Aidan Thomas
Felter, Tess Elizabeth
Fitzgerald, Anne Kate
Georgiadis, Nikolaos Dimitrios
Graves, Kelsey Leann
Grooms, Griffin Richard
Hamilton, Melanie Ann
Hunt, James Edward
King, Benjamin John
LaParne, Katherine Grace
Locke, Kassadi
Lougen, Justin James
Madigan, Emily Drew
Malone, Cristian Michael
Markham, Ella Marie
McMahon, Maggie Rose
McPeak, Katherine Anne
Nowicki, Kylie Sierra
Powers, Jackson Lewis
Rey, Isabella Marie
Richardson, Morgan Anne
Robb, Ava Kathleen
Robbins, Makenna Elise
Romeo, Nicholas Jay
Rubino, Christian James
Ryan, Maeve Janice
Shanahan, Madison Reilly
Smith, Hope Christina
Speicher, Cael
Speicher, Payne
Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
Thomas, Madison Alexis
Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly
Wilsch, Mairead Norine
Wisner, Taryn Anne
Yeates, Jack William
Zawadzki, Jake Evan
Zollo, Brooke Olivia

Grade 11

Adams, Abigail Katherine
Alberts, Alexandra Helene
Allen, Brian Alexander
Argentieri, Francesca Eade
Balduzzi, Sarah Marie
Battista, Kaylin Amanda
Burdick, Tyson Douglas
Burkett, Travis Michael
Campbell, Tyler Gage
Cardoso, Isabella Grace
Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey
Carrock, Daniel Peter
Carroll, Delaney Rose
Castracane, Anthony Michael
Centore, Sofia Grace
Colucci, Rachel
Dadey, Catherine
Dhamoon, Harsimran
Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie
Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
Elias, Angelina Rose
Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
Fountain, Kendall Marie
Gangemi, Emily Jo
Gorman, Emma Kathryn
Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
Greeson, Benjamin Robert
Grooms, Riley Kathryn
Grossman, Ryan Robert
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Hunter, Claire Terese
Johnston, Hannah Rose
Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony
Kilaru, Narmada Sai
Kirkby Jr., Rodney
Knoll, Charles James
Loose, Cassidy 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
Mesa-Espinosa, Angie
Metzgar, Quinton Khan
Miggiani, Abigail Chloe
Milham, Julia Pauline
Moore, Anthony
Mulholland, Brandon Michael
O'Connell, Gracelyn
O'Hearn, Kyleigh Elizabeth
Ososkalo, Alex
Ostuni, Jordyn Rae
Patrie, Colleen Theresa

Pecheny, Natalia
Pens, Quinn Maria
Phillips, Robert
Rewakowski, Noah Daniel
Rodgers, Aidan Nicholas
Rosati, Marisa Olivia
Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph
Russell, Julia Marie
Sampo, Isabella Grace
Satalin, John Ryan
Schwartz, Christopher Brian
Scott, Mia Sara
Stanton, John Thomas
Starowicz, Hannah Louise
Thabet, Amin
Thomas, Ben Sener
Thornton, Bridget Ann
Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn
Townsend, Michael David
Vanderhoff, Hailey J.
Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth
Winkler, Grace Breason

Grade 10

Abdelfatah, Gisele
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Oluwatomisin
Alt, Leonard
Antoine, Olivia Maive
Bealer, Morgan Sierra
Bendall, Katherine Jill
Bergett, Alexis Rose
Bistrovich, Sydney Elise
Bleskoski, Julianne Terese
Bolesh, Ashley Susan
Bryant, Keegan Michael
Brzostowski, Mikayla Rose
Carter, Ashley Knobel
Centore, Bohdan Patrick
Clos, Mallory Margarete
Colon, Gisselle Anais
Cominoli, Nathaniel Dominick
Conley, Shannon Marie
Cottrell, Abigail Mae
Cowin, Alexander
Curtis, Julian
Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine
Czaplicki, Kalista Jane
DeFabbio, Michael
Derrick, James Robert
Dillabough, Karly
Donadio, Alexandra Elizabeth
Donegan, Ryan Flaherty
Donnelly, Nathan Patrick
Feliu, Kaelin Grace
Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy
Galante, Joseph
Gilhooley, Rachel Louise
Gilmartin, Luke

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Grade 10 continued

Gonnella, Olivia
Goode, Aidan William
Graf, Simon Michael
Heise, Mackenzie Grace
Holowinski, Olivia Marie
Hopkins, Ileanna Elizabeth
Horner, Lizzie
Hynes, Lee Michael
Kelly, McKenna Eileen
Kerr, Aiden Jay
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica Marie
LoFaro, Nicole
Lowery, Adelaide Margaret
Lubel, Margaret Anna
Markham, Iris Mary
Martini, Garet Matthew
Mayes, Shawn William
McGann, Karlie Elizabeth
McQueeney, Lia Clare
Militello, Samuel
Militi, Vittoria
Naughton, Ryan
Nicoll, Baillie
Nowicki, Justin Jacob
Osorio, Anthony
Pagano, Anthony Christopher
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
Richardson, Brady Stephen
Richmond, Olivia Jean
Robinson, Janiah Jada
Roesch, Teresa
Rogers, Sean Patrick
Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth
Rosenberger, Anna Kerr
Roth, Charlotte
Ryan, Aidan Christopher

Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth
Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose
Sisson, Caitlin Kelly
Snyder, Mary Katherine
Sondej, Andrew
Starowicz, Emmet
Stephenson, Sean Michael
Stewart, Sincere Jamir
Taber, Bradyn Shea
Terrinoni, Natalie Marie
Thabet, Ilham
Townley, Austin Dale
Trzonkowski, Mark Joseph
Varco, Enzo Giuseppe
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney Jean
Young, Devin Thomas

Grade 9

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
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Carroll, Alden
Carson, Kendall Grace
Cognato, Nina Grace
Cottrell, Catherine Grace
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton James
DeSanto, Emma
Dimovski, Sofia Maria

Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Finnerty II, Sean P.
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Gray, Gracelyn
Gross, Adriana Jane
Herrera, Elle Madison
Hogan, Jameson Patrick
Ireland, Mason Alan
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kestler, Michael
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Kleberg, Elena Rose
Knohl, Caitlyn Frances
Knohl, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Kohanski, Morgan Emily
Korrie, Alexa
Kurgan, Michael Albert
Lancette, Alison Taylor
Lasher, Ava Mary
Leonardo, Isabel Christine
Lopez, Cameron James
Madigan III, Michael Francis
Mahar, Owen Michael
Mahoney, Rosemary Elizabeth
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Medeiros Jr., Steven John
Menon, Caroline Olivia
Menon, Myra Sophie
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth

O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Paetow, Emma
Pens, Grady Alwyn
Plochocki, Alexander
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Rhode, Tiara Alexis
Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Rogers, Kathleen Margaret
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Saini, Danish
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Sanborn, Kemery Elizabeth
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Sherwood, Ryan Matthew
Smithers, Samuel Thomas
Smyth, Shay Thomas
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stanton, Jane Catherine
Stiner, William Patrick
Suddaby, Jackson William
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna Marie
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Thornton, Ellie Grace
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
Walsh, Maggie
White, Azaria
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen
Young, Isabel
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph
Zema, Rose Marie
Zollo, Lauren Marie

Piece of Cake Day

The counseling center hosted their 2nd annual event for seniors to celebrate National College Decision Day (May 1st is the deadline for students to make deposits to attend the college of their choice). "Piece of Cake Day" was celebrated during lunches, and seniors enjoyed cake, made posters indicating their future plans and received their writing folders that included works from elementary school on up. This inclusive event was for all seniors, giving them the opportunity to share future plans for college, military, employment or other training programs. Congratulations to the class of 2021!



Westhill High School

Warriors of the Month

March

9th Grade: Patrick Sheridan's love for learning is evident through his actions. Patrick stays current with assignments and will reach out with questions whether he is in-person or remote. Patrick has made the necessary adjustments to be successful.

10th Grade: Ilham Thabet is an outstanding student in Global History, carrying one of the highest averages. She leads by example and actively participates in our hybrid classes. Ilham is kind and considerate and makes the class better with her positive attitude!

11th Grade: Hannah Johnston has a real love for learning. She is on time and ready to go each day whether remote or in-person. Hannah has found a way to persevere and make the best of the hybrid learning model. She is one of the most positive and enthusiastic students in the building and makes everyone's day a little better.

12th Grade: Jada Doss is a ray of sunshine! She is able to find something positive to say about any situation. She is someone who leads by example and makes Westhill a better place. Her smile and positive attitude are contagious. Congratulations, Jada!

April

9th Grade: Mak Kurgan has made a seamless transition back to in-person learning. He enters the classroom each day with a positive attitude and is ready to work. Mak is also willing to help out fellow students who might struggle with a particular concept.

10th Grade: Caitlin Sisson is a ray of sunshine. She always shows genuine interest in whatever is being discussed whether it is the content being covered in class or a quick exchange of weekend plans with those classmates sitting around her. Caitlin is always positive, enthusiastic and never appears to have her feathers ruffled. She takes on any challenge with grace, enthusiasm and curiosity. Caitlin creates a culture of learning in the classroom, and is a wonderful role model to her classmates.

11th Grade: Sofia Benderski always enters class with a ton of enthusiasm. She brings positive energy into any activity planned for that day. She also displays great leadership skills when working with other students.

12th Grade: Vince Tarolli does everything that is asked of him, and he does it to the highest level. He constantly exceeds expectation in his school work and engages well with his classmates. He works incredibly well with others and seems to understand even the most difficult concepts of the class. Vince has an undeviating demeanor and is unperturbed by setbacks.



Forensic Science

Ms. Evanchof's forensic science class studied blood spatter this month. The blood spatter unit helped students understand how crime scene investigators look at blood evidence. Students spent a day recreating common patterns found at crime scenes. This included cast off patterns from fake weapons, splatter patterns, blood droplets and movement patterns. Students had fun wearing their rain ponchos, shoe covers and gloves to protect their outfits from the fake blood.

District News

Westhill Educational Foundation Lightning Grants

The Westhill Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of its first round of spring lightning grants. Lightning grants have a streamlined application, are for \$1,500 or less, are simple in their implementation, and are meant to boost year-end enrichment activities.

“The lightning round of mini-grants provided a much needed shot in the arm,” said Superintendent, Casey Barduhn. “It was a refreshing reminder of opportunities and creative ideas our staff have every day, and the important role the Foundation serves to provide resources and support to that creativity. Again, thank you Westhill Educational Foundation for your ongoing support of Westhill students and teachers,” Barduhn said.

Here are the winners:

GNN Good News Network, Penny Feeney

This grant will purchase several pieces of equipment for the video production club at Onondaga Hill Middle School, which is open to all students. This year’s grant was co-written by sixth-grader, Owen Wilmot, who researched the equipment and costs. The grant will fund a portable green screen, a padcaster dolly, clapboards, Apple Lightning adapters, light reflectors and a studio lighting kit, all of which will further improve production and expand possibilities for the students. Mrs. Feeney started GNN in 2016 with a Foundation grant and has received several grants over the years to improve and streamline the club’s video production process.

Beach Reads with Purpose, Karen Fenner

This grant is aimed to generate excitement around Westhill’s summer reading program. Recent surveys of the students revealed that mysteries and thrillers were among their favorite genres and that New York Times best-selling author April Henry is a favored author. This grant will fund the purchase of 25 books by Henry and pay for a virtual visit with her this fall. The hard copies of the books will be randomly distributed in a promotional give away. Ebooks and audio books of the same titles will be available via a Westhill reading app for all students interested in choosing one of Henry’s books for their summer reading. Henry writes mysteries, thrillers and young adult novels.

Coming Together For Teen Book Fest, Karen Fenner

This grant encouraged middle and high school students to participate in the (Virtual) Greater Rochester Teen Book Fest, and included an in-person event at OHMS in May. This grant funded the purchase of books written by the festival’s presenting authors, and all participating students received a book. Gannon’s Ice Cream catered the live event.

Pollinators Come Alive, Kim Kennedy

This grant purchased butterfly kits for all second grade classrooms, where students have been learning about plants and pollinators in their EL modules. Raising the butterflies will bring a new dimension to what they are reading, and allow them, for example, to examine the bodies of pollinators up close instead of in photos. The butterflies will be released into a pollinator garden the students are creating by growing seedlings. The seedlings were planted in clear trays to allow the students to watch the plants grow above and below the soil.

The Foundation Board has wanted to add this second round of grants for the past few years, and this year several things came together to make it happen. The Foundation canceled its fall grant cycle due to Covid and instead launched its Chromebook Challenge to help the school purchase much needed Chromebooks during the height of distance learning. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the Foundation raised \$30,000, which helped the District purchase 100 chrome books to help the District have one Chromebook per student.



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Westhill High School Summer Reading and Visiting Author

Summer reading is part of the English curriculum at Westhill High School, and provides students with opportunities to select and read books they enjoy with the added benefit of expanding their knowledge base and building language skills. To promote summer reading this year, the high school will host an author visit with New York Times bestselling author, April Henry, in September. All in-coming 9th graders are required to read at least one book by April Henry, and students in other grades are encouraged to choose a book by April Henry as one of their choices. Author visits are most meaningful when students have read the author's work.

While most students may choose their own summer reading books, students taking Honors English, SUPA English or AP courses may have different requirements, and all students should check the Westhill High School website for specific details. The high school library website also provides reading resources including information on April Henry and suggested reading lists. <https://sites.google.com/westhillschools.org/whs-library/>. Contact the WHS librarian at kfenner@westhillschools.org with any questions.

2020-2021 Warrior Yearbook

This year's yearbook staff has worked countless hours to create an amazing yearbook! The book is just about done and is very special this year. We, as many schools in our local area, made the decision to extend our deadlines so as to include every sport, junior prom and senior ball. There will also be an additional spread for seniors only, which will be just graduation. This has been a year to remember and the Westhill Warrior staff is proud to document the events of 2020-2021 in our yearbook.

Due to the extension of deadlines, the yearbooks will be distributed mid-July. More specific dates and times will be announced once we hear from the yearbook plant when they will be shipped. A huge thank you goes to the Warrior Yearbook staff, as well as to the high school staff, parents and community members who helped put this book together. It has truly been a year to remember and will be a book to cherish!

