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# Syracuse Maker Faire

The GNN Club applied and was accepted to participate in the very first Syracuse Maker Faire on April 2nd! The event took place at Onondaga Community College in the SRC Arena. What is a Maker Faire? A Maker Faire is a

gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments and projects. It's like the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth - a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness.

Our students encouraged attendees to create their own GNN story by creating a quick Vlog about their experience at the Maker Faire and then shared it with the creator. This was an awesome opportunity for our students to not only showcase their talents but experience all the other makers at this event. An awesome day was had by all! #justkeepmaking



## **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

Monday, June 20 – No School for Students and Staff Thursday, June 23 – Half Day for Students, Grades K-8 Friday, June 24 – No School for Students



# Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools

## Walberta Wellness Programs

The Site-Based Team at Walberta Park welcomed the West Side Gymnastics School to teach classes to our kindergarten and first grade students in March and April. The children enjoyed using spring boards and learning cartwheels, flips and handstands. A special thank you to West Side for accommodating us with smaller classes to be safe and healthy.

The Walberta Walking and Running Program is back in full swing this spring with nearly 70 students participating to increase their fitness levels. The children are enjoying running/walking laps to work toward mile markers. Toe tokens are awarded at the end of each session. What a fun and healthy way to start our Thursdays!





### Mental Health Awareness Month

During the month of May, Mrs. Hollis Breen stopped in and spoke to the leaders of IDEAS Club on how important it is to take care of their mental health. The group shared negative comments that hurt and continue to bother us. After sharing, they watched the words wash away in the water. As a group, they learned how to show empathy to one another. As our First Lady Michelle Obama once said, "When they go low, we go high".



# **Arab Heritage Month**

In April, Cherry Road School parent, Mrs. Abdullah, paid a visit to the leaders of the IDEAS Club. She spoke about their culture, architecture and family traditions and answered the students' questions. Also during April, students learned about Arab culture and Arab people who have made an impact in the world.



# Cherry Road and Onondaga Hill Middle Schools

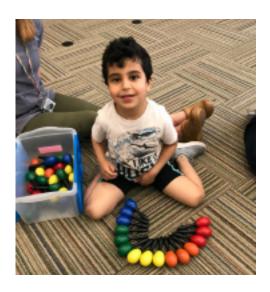
### **Basketball Club**

Fourth graders came to school early to participate in a basketball club. It was a lot of fun and some great exercise for the students!



### **Art and Music**

Kindergartener, Oday Rizek, creatively combines love of art and music to make something beautiful in Mrs. Colaluca's music class.



## Battle of the Books

How exciting is this? We had 42 students that wanted to participate in this year's Battle of the Books. On March 10, our four 7th/8th grade teams battled against one another. April 7 we had nine 5th/6th grade teams battle with our returning champions, The Bookworms: Chapter 2, defending their 2021 first place title. It was a very close tournament with the reigning champs coming in first for the second year in a row getting all sixteen questions correct. The Battle of the Books is a regional competition organized by SLS OCM BOCES in which students work in teams to read and study a set of eight novels over the course of the school year. The students then participate in a "Jeopardy-style" tournament to demonstrate their knowledge of the books. We are so incredibly proud of all the students and thirteen amazing teacher volunteer coaches that took part in this year's battle, and we can't wait to do it again next



year. Congratulations to our 5th/6th grade coach, John-Henry Jackson, and his team members; Reagan Dixon, McKenzie Schug, Emma Collacchi and Kaylie MacMaster. We love the Battle of the Books because everyone reading great books is a winner! #justkeepreading

# Onondaga Hill Middle School

### Game On!

The OHMS Library has become a natural hub for our learning community. Students like to come to the library for study hall after they do their twenty minutes of daily reading. One of the most popular things in the library has been our oversized checkerboard. With the popularity of checkers, we thought it might be beneficial to add more games to our collection. It's more important now than ever that we give our students opportunities to socialize and build relationships. What better way to support our students' growth than through playing board games? Students are allowed to check out games during study hall and teachers can also check out games for study hall use in their classrooms. We look forward to observing our students strengthening relationships, exercising their brains, increasing strategic thinking and problemsolving through a variety of game play. Who knows, you might even find some of our awesome administrators in the library playing a game now and then.

"Life is more fun if you play games." Roald Dahl



#### **Author Visit**

Did you hear all the exciting buzz about the author visit at OHMS on May 11th? We were all so happy to have our first in-person author visit since 2019, and Dusti Bowling truly knocked it out of the park! The day included an assembly for the 5th and 6th grades and one for the 7th and 8th graders. In each assembly, Dusti shared how she came up with ideas for her amazing books. She shared many of her writing techniques and encouraged our students to be readers so in turn they could become writers.

Thirty-two lucky students either had breakfast or lunch with the author for a question and answer session. The students were able to get their books personally signed by Dusti and have their photo taken with her. A huge shout out to the Westhill Educational Foundation for funding our Spin It to Win It Dusti Bowling book give away and providing the food for our events. This incredible day will leave our students and staff with lifelong memories!



### Planetarium Visit to OHMS

The 5th graders have been learning about how to use the sky to navigate. The students used evidence from pictures, models and investigations to support the claim that the Earth is spherical. They studied the sun's and stars' daily patterns of motion in the sky. Students used the Stellarium Polaris (The North Star) to determine location latitude. To culminate our unit of study, the students got to experience a lesson in the Starlab Portable Planetarium.

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## **iReady March Madness Competitions**

OHMS students worked hard and had fun participating in iReady March Madness competitions. Sixth through eighth grade math classes competed against each other in a bracket-style tournament. Mrs. Delay's homeroom finished in 1st place and Mrs. Ruetsch's period  $\square$  class finished in a close second. Fifth grade classes competed in a round robin tournament. Mrs. Downing's class was the overall winner and Mrs. Evans' class finished close behind. Both winning classes celebrated with a pizza party. Congratulations to all who participated and worked hard to do their best!





### Sixth Grade Art

Ms. O'Brien's 6th grade art students were introduced to the exquisite craftsmanship of Ming vases! These blue and white porcelain wares were made during the Ming period in China 1368-1644. This fine porcelain ware was often made into valuable items for the Emperor. Our talented students created their own blue and white scratchboard vases and embellished them with traditional designs; flowers, animals and geometric patterns. These handmade vases were then used to create a beautiful floral still life. Outstanding job, 6th graders!



### **Fun With Culture**

Fifth graders recently participated in centers to learn more about the cultures of Canada, Mexico and Brazil. Some of the activities included "playing" ice hockey for Canada, decorating sugar skulls for Day of the Dead for Mexico and making Carnival masks for Brazil. Special thanks go out to the Spanish and French students who volunteered their time to teach mini-lessons for the Canada and Mexico centers. Overall, the fifth graders learned that some cultures are similar to ours, while others are different, but they have fun aspects to them!



# OHMS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2021-2022

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

Aguayo, Isabella Amidon, Aiden Bruzdzinski III, John Cognato, John Czaplicki, Benjamin Eckert, Anna Ganley, Caroline Goode, Delaney Goode, Hadley Goodness, Jackson Gorman, Grace Haves, John Hoffman, Sophia Holstein, Eric Hunt, Thomas Jackson, Anna Kenny, Ronan Kenny, Tiernan King, Kayleigh Langham, Allison Lopez, Collin Mullen, Eileen Napolitano, Stella Olesh, Anita Parry, Eleanor Pens, Kellen Perry, Alexa Pope, Sienna Prince, Elias Rice, Lorenzo Roach, Meara Ryan, Molly Sadowski, Andrew Sainsbury, Claire Sainsbury, Ryan Schmitz, Lily Sommer, Adele Soule, Madelyn Speer, Trinity Swierk, Paige Thabet, Layal Thabet, Rudayna Turner, Braelyn Tyszka, Alexander Valerino, Angelina Vaughan, Margaret Vitale, Dominic Ward, Alexis

Wright, Reagan Young, Katherine

#### **Grade 8 Honor**

Amorese, Gabriel
Anderson, Elizabeth
Buckley, Grace
Buell, Addison
Burke, Kiley
Campanella, Tyler
Carroll, Miles
Carruthers, Adelynn
Clark, Riley
Cowin, Maxwell
Curtis, Fenris

D'Agostino, Elizabeth

Downs, Blake

Drumm-O'Brien, Emma

Forian, Gage Franco, Mason Gilhooley, Brendan Goodwin, Zachary Hayes, Selina Hill, Jael Holleran, Liam Johnson, Armani Kaczor, Stella Kincaid, Cormac Kohanski, Adriana Mann, Mackenzie McGann, Rylee McKeon, Hunter Militi, Eva Mondo, Andrew Ortiz, Leila Ramos, Carlos Raner, McKenzie Reilley, Olivia Ren, Jiayi

Ren, Jiayi Richardson, Carter Rudiger, Abigail Satalin, Erin Scarfino, Dominic Shephard, Madicine Shepherd, Ellis

Sierotnik, Christopher Snyder, Samantha Somers, Adelynn Sparks, Olivia

Stephenson, Matthew Wallace, Caleb

Wilson, Carter

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

Abdallah, Sadeen Alberts, Adeline Allen, Max Altheblah, Brahim Bagnell, Tatum Bruzdzinski, Lottie Cardoso, Nicolas Choe, Austin Clarry, Bryson Colangelo, Samantha Conroy, Mackenzie DeLine, Lucas DeTomaso, Giana Detor, Mary Domick, Isabella Finnerty, Ryan Gallardo, Isabella Gehm, Tyler Henesey, Matthew Horning, Grace Ide, Caitlin Jackson, Jake Kelly, Claire Kelly, Teagan Kimball, Samantha Kinney, Mary Montalto, Adelina Moore, James Murphy, Kaylin Murphy, Lucy Nagraj, Mariana Pawelczyk, Allison Rogers, Reagan Rouse, Brielle Scanlon, Charles Shephard, Mathew Sobotka, Mariusz Soule, Eva Spasevski, Ivana Thabet, Dhuha Walker, Elyse West, Emma Wilmot, Owen Young, Daniel Young, Trevor Zuckerman, Zoe

Wilbur, Jena

Winkler, Avery

# OHMS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2021-2022

#### **Grade 7 Honor**

Allen, Brooke Chandler, Samantha Columbus, Kailyn Conley, Colleen Crawford, Lane D'Agostino, Claire DeMore, Lucy Ellis, Christine Enright, Aaliyah Frasier, Jackson Gray, Owen Headd, John-Paul Herne, Louis Hodkinson, Anna Johnson, Sophia Johnston, Liam Judge, Charles Kodoe, Andrea-Ann Krenrich, Kaitlin Lasher, Sophia MacLachlan, Thomas MacMaster, Natalie McGann, Sean McNeilly, Hazel McRae, Ayanah Pease, Logan Pendergast, Cooper Primiano, Eulalia Rowley, Nevaeh Ruski, Serenity Ryan, Elliette Singh, Harjot Taylor, Addison Thabet, Edhem Vashchishin, Samuel

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

Almamari, Shahd Athanas, Andrew Belcore, Rosella Bezigian, Frederick Bova, Sophia Brunson, Jasmine Buckman, Skylar Buell, Sydney Carruth, John Cassalia, Patrick Centore, Angelina Chaddock, Evan Cognato, Averie Coleman, Reilly Collacchi, Emma Davidson, Owen

DeFabbio, Sophia Delay, Clare Dixon, Reagan Dowd, Cameron Eldred, Jade Flegel, Julia Francisco, Dean Franco, Maxwell Gaines, Lyla Ganley, Daniel

Gerasimovich, Isabella Glatt, Samantha Glover, Charles Glover, Henry Gridley, Dylan Hubler, Evan Jaquint, Stone Kelly, Quinn Lane, Aveyah Lin, Cayla Maestri, David Marceau, Adrien Marinelli, Joseph Mathews, Leigh McMahon, Emmett

Mondo, Melissa Morales, Willa Morse, Shealyn Napolitano, Sabine Pichoske, Nicholas Platt, Hayden

Presley, Alexandra Rewakowski, Andrew Root, Addison Ross, Caleb Scarfino, Stella

Scott, Khloe Scozzari, Samuel Seitz, Noah Sommer, Clara Starowicz, Fiona Straub, Emily Stroman, Grace Tarolli, Thomas

Tjaden, Julia
Tremblay, Addyson
Tyszka, William
Viscome, Cailin
Zheng, Winnie
Ziober, Beckham

#### **Grade 6 Honor**

Abraham, Bilal Aguayo, Sophia Alhanini, Mahmoud Auge, Emmerson Auringer, Schuyler Beal, JreShawn Brown, Jordon Burke, Jameson Carroll, Daniel Columbus, Hannah Culligan, Brea Diaz, Naomi Donegan, Redd Dunbar, Teagan Fogarty, Emma Fuller, Emma Gaffney, Liam Grosso, Eva Guralny, Dalton Hange, Brooke Hubert, Daniel Ibrahim, Ahmad Ketchum, Havden Keyes, Makayla Lirley, Cayden MacMaster, Kaylie Maines, Dawson Martin, Scott Martini, Marah Mercurio, Rider Ososkalo, Matthew

Rodriguez, Brooklyn Satalin, David Schug, McKenzie Shepherd, Rhys Spinner, Kaleigha Weaver, Azhawn Williams Jr., Ronald Williams, Xavier Wilson, Blake Wilson, Jayden

Parry, Evangeline

Ritz, Leo

# Onondaga Hill Middle School

### Students of the Month

#### March

<u>5th Grade</u>: Dominic Sampo is an awesome student in and out of the classroom. He tries this best and was the number one student in his class for growth for iReady from fall to winter! He has been a great friend to a new student in the class, and goes out of his way to include others. He shows amazing leadership, integrity and perseverance.

6th Grade: Reagan Dixon goes above and beyond to show excellent citizenship and love of learning at OHMS. Reagan seeks opportunities to enhance her experience in middle school by joining iStaff, Yearbook Committee and Battle of the Books, where she made it to Regionals two years in a row! Reagan is an avid reader and extremely hard working in all her classes. She is a genuinely kind girl who always lends a helping hand to those in need.

7th Grade: Samantha Colangelo has done an exceptional job of transitioning into our school community. She works hard and is remarkably responsible and kind to everyone. We are lucky to have her as part of our OHMS Family.

8th Grade: Izzy Aguayo is a very bright student who strives to do her best work at all times. She is a natural leader in the classroom who is willing to take risks. Izzy's participation in class discussion is outstanding. She is positive, helpful and attentive.

#### **April**

<u>5th Grade</u>: Avanee Lane exemplifies what a true friend is. She thinks less of herself and more of others. Avanee comes to school with such a positive attitude and a smile on her face. Her perseverance and desire to always do her best shines through each and every day.

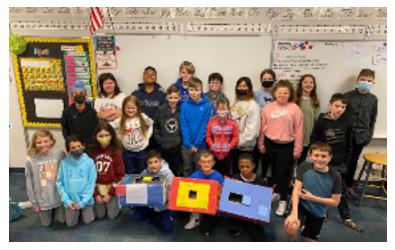
<u>6th Grade</u>: Melissa Mondo is a very respectful and hardworking student. She exhibits the P2 traits on a daily basis. She has been incredibly helpful and kind to the younger students that come to the library. She is very helpful and caring to all. She is always going above and beyond.

7th Grade: Austin Choe is one of the quieter contributors in the class, but he is always willing to help those around him in his quiet way. He is interested in learning more and patient enough to make sure that everyone else around him is learning too.

8th Grade: Gage Forian has been a positive addition to the OHMS community this year. He is always polite and respectful. He is friendly, reliable and helpful to others. He has made a smooth transition to our school and contributes in a meaningful way.

## Positivity Project in Action

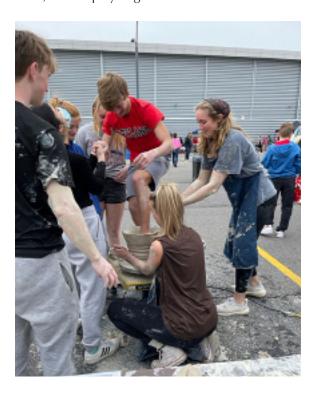
Mrs. Evans' 5th grade class put their Positivity Project minds together to create compliment boxes to place around OHMS. The class worked together to brainstorm ideas of what the boxes would look like, how students would be able to take and leave a compliment for someone else and where they needed to be located so students could easily access them. They wanted to do something to brighten students' days by spreading kindness and putting a smile on other students' faces. Boxes were placed around OHMS in areas where students from all grade levels traveled and students could take a compliment but also were encouraged to write one to leave for another student. What a great way to show an "Other People" mindset from P2!



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# Feats of Clay

On May 6, Mrs. Burrows' ceramic students competed in the 33rd annual Feats of Clay at OCC along with 20 other schools from all over Central New York. Events included no hands throw on the pottery wheel, mug production, cylinder stack and the tallest coil pot competition. Westhill Warriors were awesome, and displayed great team work!



## National Program of Excellence Award

Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented twice a year, in spring and in fall based on the yearbook's arrival date at the school. The award was presented to the Westhill High School yearbook program for achieving defined criteria in between one and three of the following categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

Westhill placed in the Silver category for the 2022 yearbook! Congratulations goes to the staff and co-editors, Claire Hunter and Ella McGlynn.

## **Sled Dog Racing Presentation**

In March, former Iditarod racer Karen Land, visited Westhill High School and presented to Mrs. Crisafulli's Environmental Science classes. Prior to the visit, students learned about genetics, climate change and the history of the Iditarod. Ms. Land brought her dogs, Noggin, an Alaskan sled dog and Chloe, a Corgi mix, which were both very popular with students. She also brought her actual Iditarod sled and gear needed for the race in which a student was able to try on. Students were surprised by the amount of gear and clothing required as well as by the small size of Noggin the sled dog. They learned sled dogs are not Huskies, but are bred from various breeds for speed and endurance. Students said they found the presentation interesting, learned something new and enjoyed having the dogs visit school. Ms. Land stayed throughout the afternoon so all students in the building could stop by and visit with her and the dogs. This very successful event was provided through generous funding by the Westhill Educational Foundation.



### **Math Team**

Westhill's Math Team had another successful season this year! Both of our teams showed off their expert problem-solving skills by scoring well at all 5 meets. Our "Pi's Guys" team was led by our two seniors and high scorers, Brian Kenny and Abby Miggiani. We thank them for the years they have participated on Math Team. We were excited to see our "Cade and Freshmen" team have a solid group participation and do well in each meet. We hope that all of our team members will be back with us again next year. Any student who would like to join the fun of Math Team, please see your math teacher, Mrs. Hatt or Mrs. Gorman.

# WHS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2021-2022

#### **Grade 12 Honor**

Abedrabbah, Zarifeh Abraham, Aliyah Acevedo, Florencia Olivares Adams, Abigail Katherine Adams, Alanna Michelle Albert, Nicolette Parody Alberts, Alexandra Helene Allen, Brian Alexander Allen, Corine Ceresa Argentieri, Francesca Eade Balduzzi, Sarah Marie Battista, Kaylin Amanda Bistrovich, Sydney Elise Burdick, Tyson Douglas Burkett, Travis Michael Campbell, Tyler Gage Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey Carrock, Daniel Peter Carroll, Delaney Rose Case, Amanda Mary Castracane, Anthony Michael Centore, Sofia Grace Colucci, Rachel Dadey, Catherine Daniul, Geoffrey Donovan Dennee, Bridgett Rose Dhamoon, Harsimran Douglas, Jayson Alexander Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth Elias, Angelina Rose Formica, Charlotte Marilyn Fountain, Kendall Marie Gangemi, Emily Jo Gorman, Emma Kathryn Grabau, William John Greeson, Benjamin Robert Grooms, Riley Kathryn Heffernan, Ryan Daniel Heinrich, Kate Rose Hunter, Claire Terese Johnston, Hannah Rose Jones, Isabella Katherine Kenny, Brian Anthony

Mahar, Liam Patrick Mannion, Brady O'Brien Mathews, Alvin McGlynn, Ella Marie McMahon, Clare Caitlin McQueeney, Julia Noel McShane, Ridley Marie Metzgar, Quinton Khan Miggiani, Abigail Chloe Milham, Julia Pauline Mulholland, Brandon Michael Ostuni, Jordyn Rae Patrie, Colleen Theresa Pecheny, Natalia Pens, Quinn Maria Pilkay, Olivia Isabel Rewakowski, Noah Daniel Rosati, Marisa Olivia Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph Russell, Julia Marie Sampo, Isabella Grace Satalin, John Ryan Schwartz, Christopher Brian Skrypnyk, Eduard Stanton, John Thomas Starowicz, Hannah Louise Thabet, Amin Thayer, Hannah Rose Thornton, Aaron Patrick Thornton, Bridget Ann

Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

Voltz, Jason

Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn

Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth

Vanderhoff, Hailey J.

**Grade 11 Honor** Abdelfatah, Gisele

Bergett, Alexis Rose

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Oluwatomisin Antoine, Olivia Maive Bealer, Morgan Sierra Bendall, Katherine Jill

Bleskoski, Julianne Terese Bolesh, Ashley Susan Bryant, Keegan Michael Brzostowski, Mikayla Rose Buckman, Carter Leon Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin

Carter, Ashley Knobel Centore, Bohdan Patrick Clos, Mallory Margarete

Colon, Gisselle Anais

Cominolli, Nathaniel Dominick

Cottrell, Abigail Mae

Curtis, Julian

Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine

Czaplicki, Kalista Jane DeFabbio, Michael

Derrick, James Robert Dillabough, Karly

Donegan, Ryan Flaherty

Dwyer, Megan Franks Jr, Kahlil B

Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy

Galante, Joseph

Gilhooley, Rachel Louise

Gonnella, Olivia Goode, Aidan William Graf, Simon Michael Heise, Mackenzie Grace

Holowinski, Olivia Marie Horner, Lizzie

Hynes, Lee Michael Kelly, McKenna Eileen

Kerr, Aiden Jay Kinsella, Lilyanna

Klamm, Domenica Marie Lowery, Adelaide Margaret Lubel, Margaret Appa

Lubel, Margaret Anna Markham, Iris Mary McGann, Karlie Elizabeth

McQueeney, Lia Clare Militello, Samuel Naughton, Ryan Nicoll, Baillie

Olesh, Timofey Osorio, Anthony

Pagano, Anthony Christopher

Pawelczyk, Amanda Polcaro, Elizabeth Robinson, Janiah Jada Roesch, Teresa Rogers, Sean Patrick Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth Rosenberger, Anna Kerr

Roth, Charlotte

Ryan, Aidan Christopher Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth

Sisson, Caitlin Kelly Snyder, Mary Katherine

Sondej, Andrew Starowicz, Emmet

Stephenson, Sean Michael Stiner, Lucas Marcos

Khan, Audnan Wadut

Kilaru, Narmada Sai

Knoll, Charles James

Loose, Kassidy Rae

Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth

MacCaull, Kyle Matthew

LoFaro, Nicole

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#### **Grade 11 Continued**

Taber, Bradyn Shea Thabet, Ilham Thomas, Brady Charles Valenza, Zachary Daniel Varco, Enzo Giuseppe Vaughan, Abbey Walker, Delaney Jean Young, Devin Thomas

#### **Grade 10 Honor**

Allahar, Gabrielle Allen, Bridget Claire Altheblah, Ayesha Altheblah, Hasan Amorese, Vincent Stefan Battista, Megan Elizabeth Borne, Gavin Reed Burdick, Bryce Griffith Caloia, Cade Anthony Campanella, Jack Salvatore Campbell, Ryan Michael Carfagno, Sophia Ann Carroll, Alden Chester, Taden Jace 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 Evans, Rachel Maffei Falcone, Taylor Kathleen Finnerty, Sean Patrick Formica, Lauren Elizabeth Goodness, Hannah Grace Gratien, Joshua Daniel Gray, Gracelyn Herrera, Elle Madison Hogan, Jameson Patrick Iohnson, Isabella Marie

Kaczor, Carrie Grace

Kleberg, Elena Rose

Korrie, Alexa

Lasher, Ava Mary

Kleberg IV, David Dean

Knohl, Connor Anthony

Knoll, Caroline Olivia

Lancette, Alison Taylor

Leonardo, Isabel Christine

Lopez, Cameron James Madigan, Michael Francis Mahar, Owen Michael Mahoney, Rosemary Elizabeth Manzone, Liberty Ann McClave, Miley Andra McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine Medeiros, Steven John Mueller, Elizabeth Joy Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth Nojaim, Carlos Daniel O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce Pens, Grady Alwyn Rewakowski, Mary Katherine Robbins, Regan Elisabeth Rogers, Kathleen Margaret Roth, Helaina Elizabeth Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose Saya-Pucello, Adriana Jane Schneider, Brynn Sexton, Keegan Parker Sheridan, Patrick Thomas Smithers, Samuel Thomas Smyth, Shay Thomas Sparks, Julia Marie Spasevski, Gianna Isabella Stiner, William Patrick Stiner, Zero Suddaby, Jackson William Taylor, Veronica Terek, Julianna Marie Thomas, A'my Uday Thompson, Molly Katharine Thornton, Ellie Grace Tjaden, Hannah Lynn White, Azaria Wilsch, Emma Kathleen Young, Isabel Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph Zema, Rose Marie

#### **Grade 9 Honor**

Abdelfatah, Amana Abedrabbah, Razan Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike Oluwatofunmi Allen, Tate Alt, Maille Mae Antoine, Ava Baty, Ava Bergett, Grace Burkett, Samantha Caputo, Jocelyn Cardoso, Anthony Carlos Colangelo, Anabelle Alice Cusimano, Rocco Nicholas Detor, Claire Ann Donegan, Sophia Dorfman, Molly Claire Eldred, Zane Esposito, Stephen Gabriel Fitzgerald, Nora Mary Goral, Mya Gorman, Emma Griffin, Maxwell Sean Gumaer, Phoebe Hange, Georgia Anna Heise, Morgan Lindsay Henesey, Luke Holowinski, Aubrey Jetter, Siena Joyce, Camaryn Kelly, Caleigh Grace Kimball, Lauren Klamm, Jeremiah James LaReau, Abigail MacBain, Sydney McGann, Julie Merrick, Thomas Metzgar, Julian Moro, Breyanna Nicole Mulholland, Owen Murphy, Emma Pease, Jack Ryan Pichoske, Thaddeus Popp, Edward Thomas Ramsing, Cadence Marie Rienhardt, Emily Robinson, Omar Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria Rose, Conor James Rosenberger, Kara Scanlon, William Scheel, Nicholas Sheridan, Riley Patrick Shiel, Colin Ryan Sipley, Helena Sisack, Emlyn Stanton, Laura Rose Starowicz, Avery Grace Tarolli, Evangelina Grace Taylor, Emily Thabet, Ramzi Thabet, Sabri

Burns, Phoebe

# Westhill High School

## Lyons Named All-Academic American

### Congratulations to Westhill senior, Lauren Lyons, on being named an All-Academic American by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of

350,000 students involved in aquatics at the high school level among 17,454 programs for boys and girls. Of those swimming at this level,

America. There are over



only 2% are recognized as high school All-Academic Americans. Congratulations, Lauren!

### Voltz Recognized

On April 3, 2022 at the Carrier Dome, the Central New York Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honored senior, Jason Voltz. Jason, a defensive end and kicker for the Warriors, was awarded a \$500 scholarship for his academic and athletic accomplishments throughout his football career. Congratulations, lason!



## Spring Teams Earn NYSPHSAA Academic Honors

At the end of each sports season, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90%. If a team does not meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90% or above GPA are considered individual Scholar-Athletes.

This spring Westhill had eight out of our eight varsity teams earning the team honor. Scholar Athlete teams include girls' lacrosse, boys' lacrosse, softball, baseball, girls' track and field, boys' track and field, boys' tennis and girls golf. We had 175 varsity athletes participating in the spring sports program. Out of this 175, 145 earned a 90% or greater average for the 3rd quarter. Congratulations, student athletes!

## Piece of Cake Day

The Counseling Center hosted their 3rd 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 where 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 2022!



# Westhill High School

### Warriors of the Month

#### March

9th Grade: Emily Rienhardt is a hard-working, conscientious student. She enjoys learning and comes to class with a positive outlook. Emily is very conscientious of others and always helps others in need. Keep it up, Em!

<u>10th Grade</u>: Jackson Suddaby is a perfect example of the ultimate all around student. He works hard in the classroom. In addition, he is involved in the school community and is willing to go out of his way to help others. Good job, Jackson!

11th Grade: Alaina Rizzo puts in a great deal of extra time and effort. She has a positive attitude in addition to being friendly and polite to all. Her perseverance, determination and dedication are to be admired and applauded.

12th Grade: Anthony Castracane enters the classroom every day ready to tackle whatever assignment is given. He is attentive and respectful to both teachers and his peers. Anthony's strong work ethic is sure to play a part in his success after high school.

#### April

9th Grade: Avery Starowicz is a hard-working, dedicated student. She enjoys learning new things. She frequently contributes in class and can often be found helping another classmate with an assignment. Avery also works hard as a class officer.

<u>10th Grade</u>: Caroline Knoll is simply an amazing student. Everything she does is done to the highest degree of excellence. While she continually surpasses expectations, she remains humble and unassuming. Caroline gives value to what others have to say and treats them with kindness. When she falls short of her own expectations, she works to improve instead of looking for someone else to blame. Caroline could be used as a standard for what is expected of students at Westhill.

11th Grade: Iris Markham is a wonderful student who is willing to go above and beyond to be successful. She is meticulous in explaining every detail in her work and has a natural intelligence that allows her to succeed at the highest level. Despite her success, she is unpretentious and is willing to help those around her. She is a goal-oriented student who has the ability to be successful in anything she sets her mind on.

<u>12th Grade</u>: Aliyah Abraham is a very conscientious student. If there is a time she misses class, she makes it a priority to turn in her back work as soon as possible. She is kind, compassionate and a good friend to all. Congratulations, Aliyah!

## Women in Engineering

On March 23, five women engineers spoke with our current Project Lead The Way pre-engineering female students. The prestigious women engineers were all alumni of our Project Lead The Way program here at Westhill. The alumni included Jennifer Root, a Packaging Engineer for General Mills and 2014 Westhill Graduate; Sophia Dower, an Applications Engineer at Carbon3D and a 2014 Westhill Graduate; Hannah Lesselroth, an Electrical Engineer at Raytheon a 2015 Westhill Graduate; Brianna (Beeman) Smith, an Electrical Engineer at Critical Link a 2011 Westhill Graduate and Allisa VanArnam, a BioMedical Engineer and 2003 Westhill graduate.

Through a Google Meet, the students received some great information about engineering and enjoyed hearing from past Westhill students working in the field. There was also an outstanding discussion that gave our young ladies a perspective on what it takes to make it in the engineering career field. It was such an amazing opportunity to have so much talent from the past give some guidance to the current talent we have here at Westhill.

## **National Technical Honor Society**

On Wednesday, May 18, four seniors were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for their participation and achievement in their respective OCM BOCES technical education pathway. Congratulations to Quinton Metzgar and Narmada Kilaru (Engineering Professions) and Charles Knoll and Francesca Argentieri (Media Marketing Communications).



# Westhill High School and Capital Project Update

### **Art Class**

In art class, Morgan worked with Mr. Allen to print a t-shirt. This project has been in the works for a while. Morgan chose the shirt and ink color, practiced a few times on paper and listened very carefully to the directions given by Mr. Allen. The end result was a t-shirt with Morgan's cat, Ophelia, on it. She did a great job!





# Capital Project - Phase 3

Project scope includes renovation of first and second floor classrooms, library relocation, storefront replacement, courtyard and site improvements. Work this summer will include:

- Removal of casework and abatement of first and second floor north classrooms.
- Temporary relocation of library.
- Selective demolition and abatement of south side classrooms.
- Baseball dugout improvements.
- HVAC equipment pad.
- Demolition of south half first and second floor classrooms will continue into the fall, with reconstruction of updated classroom spaces, new HVAC systems and new photo/IT spaces.

# **District News**

#### Mulch Fundraiser

The Westhill Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that the first annual mulch fundraiser was a great success! Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser by buying mulch, the Westhill Educational Foundation was able to raise over \$3,600. This was only possible with the help of volunteers, students from the National Honor Society, and members of the Westhill Educational Foundation. Together with their hard work and determination, they were able to move 1560 bags of mulch, weighing approximately 93,600 pounds altogether, in only 10 hours. A special thanks to everyone who made this fundraiser possible!







### Westhill Educational Foundation Scholarships

The Westhill Educational Foundation is also proud to announce the expansion of its financial support of the Westhill students through the addition of two new scholarships. These new scholarships will help seniors pursuing a college degree pay for their first year of college. The first-ever 2022 recipients of The Barduhn Family Scholarship and The Kathleen Tompkins Memorial Scholarship are:

#### The Barduhn Family Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship in honor of former superintendent Casey Barduhn and his mother Mary was awarded to Brandon Mulholland. All due to his outstanding performance throughout his high school years and his exceptional contributions to the local community. Brandon will be attending SUNY Cortland in the fall and majoring in adolescent social studies education.

#### The Kathleen Tompkins Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship in memory of OHMS music teacher Kathleen Tompkins was awarded to Sofia Benderski. Sofia, over the past four years, has demonstrated an appreciation and passion for the fine arts, inspiring everyone around her. She will be attending SUNY Fredonia in the fall and majoring in musical theatre.

Best of luck to both recipients in their future endeavors!

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# **Warrior Day**

Although there were some doubters going in, the staff softball team pulled through to make everyone proud beating the student team 15-3!

