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#### First Grade Students Raise Chicks

First grade classes enjoyed a 5-week experience raising chicks from incubation to late-stage chicks. The students learned how the chick formed inside the egg during the incubation period, observed chicks hatch and then helped care for them in cages for two weeks. This was a culminating activity for our EL Modules, Birds Amazing Bodies, Caring for Birds and our science unit, How do Living Things Stay Safe and Grow? Thanks to the Westhill Educational Foundation for the grant to provide this amazing opportunity from Rent the Chicken.

#### Kindergarten Classes Visit The Wild

Kindergarten students studied about plants and animals in science. As a culminating activity, classes took a field trip to The Wild Animal Park. Students loved seeing animals

and feeding the giraffes. They also enjoyed taking a train ride, playing on the bounce houses and having a picnic lunch! A huge thank you to WEST, the Westhill Foundation and a grant from Arts and Education for funding the trip, and also the chaperones who joined us.





# Walberta Park School

#### WHS Musical Performance at WPS

Westhill High School students visited WPS and sang hit songs from the musical *Mamma Mia* before an audience of kindergartners and first graders. The students loved the special performance. The high school students, along with *Mr.* Buchmann, high school music teacher, encouraged the students to be brave and try out for school plays and participate in the arts. Pictured below are Caitlyn Knohl, Kenzie Caccamo and Oliva Richmond.



#### **Kindergartners Play Headbands**

Students in Mrs. DeMatties' kindergarten classroom practiced skills through a game called Headbands. Students wear a headband with a skill card on it, pair up with a partner to practice the skill and record their answers. Pictured here, students are practicing making teen numbers and spelling CVC words.



#### Singer/Songwriters Visit WPS

In April, singer and songwriter, John Farrell, visited WPS. The students loved his familiar songs, and learned a bit of sign language during his show. Principal, Dr. Kramer, assisted with sign language during the show. Pictured below are John Farrell, his wife Ann Marie Farrell and Dr. Kramer. In May, singer and songwriter, Red Grammer, visited WPS. Students enjoyed singing along to some of his most popular songs, including "Down By the Sea" and "I Think You're Wonderful".





# Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools

#### Irish Dancers Visit WPS

In March, St. Frances Academy of Irish Dance visited WPS. The dancers performed traditional Irish dances and wore traditional costumes for their performance. Students and staff were delighted by the dancers!



## **CRS Mileage Club**

Mr. Connelly helped students get some extra steps this spring with the Cherry Road Mileage Club. Students would report to school early to take some laps around the field outside of the school. It was a great way to get some exercise before school. Congratulations to all the students that participated.



## **Fitness Fridays**

This spring on Friday mornings before school, the Site-Based Team at Walberta Park held a Walking and Running Club for students. There were over 60 participants in the group who collectively walked or ran over 350 miles during the five-week session. The students enjoyed collecting toe tokens each week and starting their day in a healthy way!



## Erie Canal Museum

Fourth grade classes took a trip to the Erie Canal Museum to learn a little more about NYS and Syracuse history. It was an awesome experience for the students to get to see some of the history that they have been studying in school.



# Cherry Road and Onondaga Hill Middle Schools

#### **Measurement Skills**

We had yards of fun showing off our measurement skills and creating life size animals. The students even researched how far a kangaroo could hop and measured out what would be the length of their hop.



## Welcoming Refugee Family Fair

In preparation for our upcoming author visit with Victoria Jamieson, we highlighted the book When Stars are Scattered. This memoir is about co-author, Omar Mohamed, who spent fifteen years in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya before coming to the United States. To honor their work and this story, we collaborated with Onondaga Free Library and Interfaith Works to host a Welcoming Refugee Family Fair on April 15. Our OHMS 5th graders created refugee inspired artwork in Ms. Tittus' enrichment art class that was featured in the library art gallery. Everyone that attended helped create postcards for the refugee welcoming kits, and for each postcard created, five dollars was raised to benefit refugee organizations through the Bezos Foundation and the StudentsRebuild project. A huge thank you to everyone who donated personal care products for the Interfaith Works Welcoming Refugee Kits. They were overwhelmed by our community's generosity!

#### **Baltimore Woods**

Third grade classes had a wonderful experience exploring nature on their trip to Baltimore Woods.



## **Chess Tournament**

The 1st Annual OHMS Chess Tournament has concluded. There were 27 students who played in multiple rounds all trying to show off what they learned in Chess Club this year. All of the students accorded themselves well in victory or defeat.

Andrew Rewakowski - Gold Medal Charlie Glover - Silver Medal Isabella Destito - Bronze Medal Jackson Pratt - 4th Place



## Students of the Month

#### March

<u>5th Grade</u>: Dominic Sampo is an awesome student in and out of the classroom. He tries his 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.

<u>6th Grade</u>: 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.

<u>7th Grade</u>: 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.

<u>8th Grade</u>: 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.

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

<u>8th Grade</u>: 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.

#### iReady March Madness

All OHMS students participated in an iReady March Madness tournament. The sixth through eighth graders competed in a cross-grade level, 16 team bracket competition with all students working to pass their weekly math lessons. Mrs. Bricco's 10th period, grade 7 math class emerged as the champions with her 1st period, grade 7 math class finishing in 2nd place. In fifth grade, classes competed in a double elimination tournament with students working hard at their math lessons and learning games. Mrs. Evans' class was victorious with Miss Smith's class a very close runner up. Both winning classes were treated to an ice cream party to celebrate. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work!



# OHMS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2022-2023

Grade 8 High Honor Adeline Alberts Brahim Altheblah Tatum Bagnell Lottie Bruzdzinski Nicolas Cardoso Austin Choe **Bryson Clarry** Samantha Colangelo Colleen Conley Mackenzie Conroy Claire DAgostino Lucas DeLine Isabella Destito Giana DeTomaso Mary Detor Isabella Domick Isabella Gallardo Tyler Gehm Owen Gray John-Paul Headd Matthew Henesey Grace Horning Caitlin Ide Jake Jackson Claire Kelly Teagan Kelly Samantha Kimball Mary Kinney Andrea-Ann Kodoe Kaitlin Krenrich Sean McGann Felicity McGee Hazel McNeilly Ayanah McRae Adelina Montalto James Moore Kaylin Murphy Lucy Murphy Allison Pawelczyk Eulalia Primiano **Brielle Rouse** Serenity Ruski Charles Scanlon Mathew Shephard Mariusz Sobotka Eva Soule Ivana Spasevski Dhuha Thabet Samuel Vashchishin Elvse Walker

Owen Wilmot Daniel Young Trevor Young Zoe Zuckerman

#### Grade 8 Honor

Sadeen Abdallah Brooke Allen Max Allen Nevaeh Austin Kailyn Columbus Lane Crawford Lucy DeMore Kiera Edlund Christine Ellis Aaliyah Enright Grady Etoll **Rvan Finnerty** Jackson Frasier Chase Goldman Kamora Gutierrez Louis Herne Sophia Johnson Liam Johnston Charles Judge Sophia Lasher Thomas MacLachlan Mariana Nagraj **Cooper Pendergast** Cadeanne Roberts-DuMont **Reagan Rogers** Parker Sauer Harjot Singh Addison Taylor Edhem Thabet Amora Thompkins

#### Grade 7 High Honor

Andrew Athanas Rosella Belcore Skylar Buckman John Carruth Patrick Cassalia Angelina Centore Evan Chaddock Reilly Coleman Emma Collacchi Hannah Columbus Sophia DeFabbio Clare Delay Reagan Dixon Cameron Dowd Jade Eldred Lyla Gaines Daniel Ganley Isabella Gerasimovich Dylan Gridley Stone Jaquint Cayla Lin David Maestri Adrien Marceau Joseph Marinelli Emmett McMahon Melissa Mondo Shealyn Morse Sabine Napolitano Nicholas Pichoske Havden Platt Alexandra Presley Andrew Rewakowski Caleb Ross Sofia Savelesky Khloe Scott Samuel Scozzari Noah Seitz Fiona Starowicz **Emily Straub** Grace Stroman Julia Tiaden William Tyszka **Cailin Viscome** Winnie Zheng

#### Grade 7 Honor

**Bilal Abraham** Shahd Almamari **Emmerson Auge** Schuyler Auringer Sophia Bova **Jasmine Brunson** Sydney Buell Daniel Carroll Elsie Cecile Averie Cognato Christian Cordova Brea Culligan **Owen Davidson** Stef'Fonie DelRio Naomi Diaz Redd Donegan Teagan Dunbar Julia Flegel Emma Fogarty Dean Francisco

Emma West

#### Grade 7 Honor continued

Maxwell Franco Liam Gaffney Charles Glover Henry Glover Eva Grosso **Brooke Hange** Evan Hubler Ahmad Ibrahim Quinn Kelly Hayden Ketchum Scott Martin Leigh Mathews **Rider Mercurio** Willa Morales Matthew Ososkalo **Evangeline** Parry Leo Ritz Addison Root David Satalin Stella Scarfino McKenzie Schug Kaleigha Spinner Thomas Tarolli Peychenze Tolbert Addyson Tremblay Beckham Ziober

#### Grade 6 High Honor

Giada Auringer Natalie Barcak Jacqueline Battista Jacob Besaw Juliana Brown Miraja Brown Madigan Burns Luna Canavan Virginia Canavan Elliott Carroll Landon Carson Livia Chase Logan Cobb Carmella Colangelo Reagan Coleman Reagan Collett Madigan Condon Jack Cook Kate Czaplicki Real Danboise III James DeLine Amelia Destito Bridget Detor

Gurtej Dhamoon Luka Dimovski Clark Durant Nicholas Ellis Isabella Engle Keira Etoll Jackson Flegel Tyler Fowler Brady Fraser Connor Friend Sophie Gallardo Arianna Giannino Dylan Green Gavin Greenfield Na'Zariah Gregory Lamere Grenton Evey Gumtow Anne Horning **Elizabeth Hughes** Lyric Johnson Antonia Judge Khava Konkol Amelia LaSalle Gabrielle Liedka Audrey Mahoney Gabriella Mann Kierra Manning Spencer Marshall Reese McGann Nicholas Meola Eliana Montalto Ella Morgan Jacob Niemczal-Lowery Sofia Olesh Morgan Paparo Tanner Pendergast Tyler Pratt Nicholas Preville Adelina Primiano Bryan Quattrocci Cielo Ramos **Brian Rogers** Levaja Rufus Simone Sales Michael Scanlon Gianna Scheirer Aedan Schilling Brynna Sisack **Charles Soule** Eamon Sprouse Franklin Stoddard Harry Storinge

Trey Tjaden Michael Valenti Reagan Walsh Riley Walsh Beckett Wright Elizabeth Young Yuliia Zhdan Alexander Zuckerman

#### Grade 6 Honor

Sela Abdelfatah Nour Alhanini Yusuf Altheblah London Boatman Lloyd Brown Luke Campanella **Josephine Castle** Alyse Corning Michael Covington Daniel Donegan Lucas Eurich **Owen Fuller** Darcy Goodwin Vita Gumtow Albert Hagan Maddison Haynes Matthew Headd **Brayden Hoegler** Audrey Hubler Griffin Jackson Owen Johnson **Emily Krenrich** Alaina LeFever Christopher Lorenzo Jr Stella Mastronardi Charles Obernesser **Cameron Peck Dominick Primerano** Teffero Rashid Abigail Reynolds **Cassius Robinson** Mya Rowley Dominic Sampo **Kiley Schermerhorn** Lillian Sierotnik Stockton Sobotka Madilin Speer Matthew Taylor Alyaa Thabet William West Lavla White Liam Wright Nic Zema

# Onondaga Hill Middle and Westhill High Schools

#### Battle of the Books

On April 13, six teams of 7th and 8th graders competed in our 2023 Battle of the Books. This was a librarian's dream, well at least it was a dream for this middle school librarian! Students that participate in the competition 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 "Jeopardystyle" tournament to demonstrate their knowledge of the books. We are so incredibly proud of all the students and teacher volunteer coaches that took part in this year's battle. The competition was close with only two questions separating our top three teams. A huge shout out to our winning team, The Book Nooks! Congratulations to coach Diane Maglente and her two-member team, McKenzie Schug and Isabella Destito. We can't wait to cheer on this winning team when they compete at the Regional Battle on May 15! #justkeepreading



## Summer Reading

# Summer reading is part of the English Language Arts curriculum at Westhill High School. It provides students with the opportunity to select and read books they enjoy with the added benefit of expanding their knowledge base and building language skills. Reading research confirms that when students choose their own books, they are more likely to read them and more likely to do additional reading, particularly over the summer months. Therefore, high school students taking English Regents or English Honors should read at least two books of their choosing this summer. Students taking AP Language and Composition, OCC English or SUPA English (if offered) have specific summer reading requirements, and should check the summer reading webpage available at the Westhill High School website for specific requirements. All students and families can find resources including suggested reading lists and information on accessing SORA, our free ebook and audiobook platform, on the Westhill High School website: https://www.westhillschools.org/highschool

#### Award Winning Author Visits OHMS

Visiting author days at OHMS are the best! In our students' eyes, authors are rock stars that inspire them to be readers, writers and illustrators. The day started out with breakfast with the author, Victoria Jamieson, and each grade level had an assembly. At lunch, the students got to experience learning how to draw with Victoria. We had over fifty students who got to meet the author and have their books signed and have a photo taken with her. A huge shout out to the Westhill Educational Foundation for supporting this amazing day! Check out this wonderful experience at https://rb.gy/k149h.



## National Honor Society

The Westhill High School Chapter of the National Honor Society Spring Induction Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Seventy members of the junior class joined the current membership made up of fifty-six 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, Charlotte Roth; Vice President, Lily Kinsella; Secretary, Addie Lowery and Treasurer, Morgan Bealer. 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 continues the commitment to service within the school and community. This past year members collected personal care items for St. Lucy's Church and sponsored a sock drive for We Rise Above the Streets Outreach. Members also assisted at WHS events such as Open House and New Student Orientation. Members also continue to complete individual service endeavors throughout the year.

Juniors Inducted: Gabrielle Allahar, Bridget Allen, Ayesha Altheblah, Hasan Altheblah, Vincent Amorese, Megan Battista, Gavin Borne, Bryce Burdick, Cade Caloia, Alden Carroll, Kendall Carson, Nina Cognato, Catherine Cottrell, Charles DeMore, Peyton Deno, Emma DeSanto, Sofia Dimovski, Shamus Edlund, Grace Enriquez, Rachel Evans, Taylor Falcone, Sean Finnerty, Reagan Forian, Lauren Formica, Hannah Goodness, Joshua Gratien, Gracelyn Gray, Ella Grosso, Elle Herrera, Jameson Hogan, Isabella Johnson, David Kleberg, Elena Kleberg, Caitlyn Knohl, Connor Knohl, Morgan Kohanski, Alexa Korrie, Alison Lancette, Ava Lasher, Michael Madigan, Grace McGlynn, Benjamin McPeak, Elizabeth McPeak, Elizabeth Mueller, Luciana Nagraj, Andrew O'Reilly, Emma Paetow, Grady Pens, Luke Pickett, Mary Kate Rewakowski, Emily Rinaldi, Regan Robbins, Kathleen Rogers, Helaina Roth, Katelyn Sainsbury, Adriana Saya-Pucello, Brynn Schneider, Keegan Sexton, Julia Sparks, Gianna Spasevski, Jackson Suddaby, Veronica Taylor, Julianna Terek, Molly Thompson, Hannah Tjaden, Emma Wilsch, Isabel Young, Lilianna Young, Dominic Zawadzki and Rose Zema.

Congratulations and best wishes to our graduating seniors: Gisele Abdelfatah, Oluwafeyisore Ajagbe, Morgan Bealer, Katherine Bendall, Alexis Bergett, Julianne Bleskoski, Keegan Bryant, Mackenzie Caccamo, Ashley Carter, Bohdan Centore, Gisselle Colon, Shannon Conley, Zantana Cusimano, Kalista Czaplicki, James Derrick, Karly Dillabough, Kaelin Feliu, Alyvia Freeman, Rachel Gilhooley, Luke Gilmartin, Olivia Gonnella, Aidan Goode, Simon Graf, Olivia Holowinski, Ileanna Hopkins, Lizzie Horner, Lee Hynes, McKenna Kelly, Lilyanna Kinsella, Domenica Klamm, Adelaide Lowery, Margaret Lubel, Iris Markham, Karlie McGann, Lia McQueeney, Samuel Militello, Vittoria Militi, Amanda Pawelczyk, Elizabeth Polcaro, Janiah Robinson, Sean Rogers, Kennedy Rose, Anna Rosenberger, Charlotte Roth, Aidan Ryan, Hannah Schmitz, Nicoletta Scrimale, Caitlin Sisson, Mary Snyder, Andrew Sondej, Sean Stephenson, Bradyn Taber, Ilham Thabet, Abbey Vaughan, Delaney Walker and Devin Young.



# WHS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2022-2023

#### Grade 12 Honor

Oluwafeyisore Ajagbe Leonard Alt Olivia Antoine Morgan Bealer Katherine Bendall Ella BenYehuda Alexis Bergett Julianne Bleskoski Ashley Bolesh Keegan Bryant Carter Buckman Mackenzie Caccamo Ashley Carter Brooke Carter **Bohdan** Centore **Gisselle** Colon Shannon Conley Benjamin Cote Abigail Cottrell Alexander Cowin **Julian** Curtis Zantana Cusimano Michael DeFabbio James Derrick Karly Dillabough **Rvan Donegan** Mia Doss Alyvia Freeman Joseph Galante **Rachel Gilhooley** Olivia Gonnella Aidan Goode Julianna Gwilt Katelyn Hagrman Melanie Hamilton Noar Hasan Mackenzie Heise Olivia Holowinski Ileanna Hopkins Lizzie Horner Lee Hynes McKenna Kelly Aiden Kerr Lilyanna Kinsella Domenica Klamm Adelaide Lowery Margaret Lubel Iris Markham Karlie McGann Lia McQueeney Mia Mersfelder

Samuel Militello **Baillie Nicoll** Anthony Osorio Anthony Pagano Amanda Pawelczyk Aiden Piedmont **Elizabeth Polcaro** Keara Popp **Brady Richardson** Janiah Robinson Teresa Roesch Sean Rogers Kennedy Rose Anna Rosenberger Charlotte Roth Aidan Ryan Hannah Schmitz Nicoletta Scrimale Sukhmanjit Singh Caitlin Sisson Mary Snyder **Emmet Starowicz** Sean Stephenson Sincere Stewart Lucas Stiner Bradyn Taber Ilham Thabet **Brady Thomas** Mark Trzonkowski Enzo Varco Abbey Vaughan **Delaney Walker** Nazaire Williams **Devin Young** 

#### Grade 11 Honor

Gabrielle Allahar Bridget Allen Ayesha Altheblah Hasan Altheblah Vincent Amorese Megan Battista Gavin Borne **Bryce Burdick** Cade Caloia Jack Campanella Ryan Campbell Sophia Carfagno Taden Chester Nina Cognato Catherine Cottrell Ryley Craven

Morgan Curriden Damon Darling Charles DeMore Emma DeSanto Sofia Dimovski Shamus Edlund Grace Enriquez **Taylor Falcone** Sean Finnerty Hannah Goodness Joshua Gratien Elle Herrera Jameson Hogan Isabella Johnson David Kleberg IV Elena Kleberg Caitlyn Knohl Connor Knohl Caroline Knoll Morgan Kohanski Alexa Korrie Alison Lancette Ava Lasher Isabel Leonardo Cameron Lopez Nathan MacLachlan Miley McClave Grace McGlynn Benjamin McPeak Elizabeth McPeak Steven Medeiros Elizabeth Mueller Carlos Nojaim Andrew O'Reilly Grady Pens Luke Pickett Mary Rewakowski Kathleen Rogers Helaina Roth Basma Saad Danish Saini Katelyn Sainsbury Adriana Saya-Pucello Brynn Schneider **Keegan Sexton** Patrick Sheridan Ryan Sherwood Alexandria Simmons Samuel Smithers Shay Smyth Julia Sparks Gianna Spasevski

# WHS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2022-2023

#### Grade 11 Continued

Jane Stanton William Stiner Zero Stiner Jackson Suddaby Veronica Taylor Molly Thompson Ellie Thornton Hannah Tjaden Maggie Walsh Isabel Young Rose Zema

#### Grade 10 Honor

Amana Abdelfatah Razan Abedrabbah Abdelmeguid Aboushanab Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe Tate Allen Maille Alt Ava Antoine Emily Balduzzi Grace Bergett Samantha Burkett Phoebe Burns Jocelyn Caputo Anthony Cardoso Annabella Cecile Anabelle Colangelo Rocco Cusimano William DeLine Claire Detor Sophia Donegan Molly Dorfman Zane Eldred Stephen Esposito Nora Fitzgerald Angelyna Geiger Adyson Goldman Mya Goral Emma Gorman Maxwell Griffin Phoebe Gumaer Israa Hamam Georgia Hange Robert Hayes V Morgan Heise Luke Henesey **Ouinn Herring** Aubrey Holowinski Siena letter Camaryn Joyce

Caleigh Kelly Lauren Kimball Christian Loomis Sydney MacBain Camryn Mathews Julie McGann Sydney Medeiros **Thomas Merrick** Julian Metzgar Breyanna Moro Owen Mulholland Jack Pease Joseph Pirong **Edward Popp** Cadence Ramsing Emily Rienhardt **Omar Robinson** Olivia Rodriguez Conor Rose Kara Rosenberger William Scanlon Nicholas Scheel **Riley Sheridan** Colin Shiel Helena Sipley Laura Stanton Avery Starowicz Grace Sullivan Evangelina Tarolli **Emily Taylor** Ramzi Thabet Sabri Thabet Claire Valenti Sophia Valenti Anna Vashchishin Elliott Wetherby Amaya Williams

#### Grade 9 Honor

Isabella Aguayo Aiden Amidon Elizabeth Anderson John Bruzdzinski III Grace Buckley Tyler Campanella Adelynn Carruthers Riley Clark John Cognato Fenris Curtis Benjamin Czaplicki Anna Eckert Grace Faigle Gage Forian Caroline Ganley **Delaney** Goode Hadley Goode Zachary Goodwin Grace Gorman Liam Holleran Thomas Hunt Anna Jackson Stella Kaczor Ronan Kenny **Tiernan Kenny** Kayleigh King Allison Langham Collin Lopez Eva Militi Andrew Mondo Stella Napolitano Anita Olesh Leila Ortiz Kellen Pens Alexa Perry Ella Pickett Sienna Pope **Elias Prince** Olivia Reilley Carter Richardson Meara Roach Molly Ryan Andrew Sadowski Claire Sainsbury **Ryan Sainsbury Dominic Scarfino** Lily Schmitz **Ellis Shepherd** Madelyn Soule **Olivia Sparks Trinity Speer** Adam Stotler Paige Swierk Layal Thabet Rudayna Thabet William Thompson Braelyn Turner Alexander Tyszka Margaret Vaughan Alexis Ward Jena Wilbur Carter Wilson Katherine Young

# Westhill High School

## **Students Visit SU**

On May 16, high school students had the chance to visit Syracuse University. They were able to tour several job-sites on campus, including Sheraton Hotel, Ernie Davis Hall and JMA Wireless Dome. Students had the opportunity to learn about jobs in hospitality, events, facilities, food services, labor and more. This work-based learning experience allowed them to explore what it is like on the job, interact with current employees and ask questions throughout the tours.



#### 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, girls outdoor track and field, boys outdoor track, baseball, softball, boys tennis and girls golf. Westhill had 180 varsity athletes participating in the spring sports program. Out of this 180, 120 earned a 90% or greater average for the 3rd quarter. Congratulations, student athletes!

#### Piece of Cake Day

The Counseling Center hosted their 4th annual event for seniors this year 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 2023!



# Westhill High School

## Warriors of the Month

#### March

<u>9th Grade</u>: Andrew Sadowski comes to class every day with a positive outlook and attitude. He jumps right in with everything in class and is always willing to work with others. He works hard both in and out of class and is involved in different activities at school. Andrew is the epitome of Warrior kindness and pride!

<u>10th Grade</u>: Amr Almamari has been very helpful with a new student this year. He went out of his way to make sure the student felt comfortable and accepted. Amr helped this student navigate a new school and made sure he got where he needed to go every morning. Amr is very kind, patient and welcoming.

<u>11th Grade</u>: Gianna Spasevski is a student who is willing to go out of her way to help others. She doesn't hesitate to lend assistance when she sees others in need. She always has a smile on her face. On top of this, she is hardworking and sets a high standard for her classmates. Her achievements in academics and her caring nature make her a pleasure to teach.

<u>12th Grade</u>: Luke Gilmartin is a very unselfish person. A perfect example of this has been the basketball team's State Championship run. If you watched Luke play, he was never out for himself. He always looked for players to pass to and when interviewed, always said it's a team effort and never took credit for himself. He is very humble. Younger students approach him often wanting to know how he became so good, and he always says the right thing. He leads by example on the court, field and in the classroom. He always tries to make others look good and is successful in doing so.

#### April

<u>9th Grade</u>: Olivia Sparks is a joy to have in class. She has a positive attitude and always comes to class ready to learn. She always communicates when she will be out and is proactive about completing assignments. She works hard to ensure she and her peers in class understand content and goes out of her way to help others. Keep it up, Liv!

<u>10th Grade</u>: Mya Goral works extremely hard in class even if the material is difficult or not her favorite subject. She is successful because of her amazing work ethic. Not only is she a great student, but a wonderful person as she is more than willing to help out other students, including new students. She truly works to make everyone feel welcome.

<u>11th Grade</u>: Rosie Mahoney is always finding ways to show fairness and consideration towards her classmates. She is known for her incredible character and huge heart. Good job, Rosie!

<u>12th Grade</u>: Katie Hagrman always walks into class with a smile on her face and positive energy. She is the first person to strike up an engaging conversation with a friend or adult. She is open and willing to invite others onto her team. Katie is always working hard to find ways to be better. She is the perfect mix of competitive and kind.

## Hynes Recognized by CNY National Football Foundation

On March 26 at the JMA Wireless Dome, the Central New York Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honored senior, Lee Hynes. Lee, a defensive lineman and running back for the Warriors, was awarded a \$500 scholarship for his academic and athletic accomplishments throughout his football career. Congratulations, Lee!



# Westhill High School

#### Modern Band at Rockfest

Modern Band had their first ever gig at the 2023 LaFayette Rockfest, and we think it will be their first of many! We are very proud of the Westhill Modern Band and members of the Audio Production and Engineering Club (APEC) who served as the Modern Band crew for the show. Rockfest is a festival that highlights student rock bands from around Onondaga County. This was an excellent opportunity for students to perform, and to be exposed to what other students are doing with modern bands in the area. The festival was held at LaFayette High School, and is a fundraiser for the Matt Nastasi Memorial Scholarship.

The LaFayette Rockfest was an awesome experience; the crowd was big and supportive, the other acts rocked and the games, food and set-up were fantastic. Thank you to all of the Westhill faculty,



families and students who came out to see Modern Band shred! Look for Modern Band on a stage or at Warrior Fest and the Small Ensembles Concert near you sometime soon.

Congratulations Alden, Simon, Nate, Juju, Quinn, Jack, Lucas, Kenzie, Lily, Molly, Eli, Kayleigh and Jena. You are all rock stars!

#### Seniors Inducted into NTHS

On April 11, seven seniors were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for outstanding performance in their respective CTE BOCES Program. Congratulations to Michael DeFabbio, Computer Technology; Delaney Walker, New Vision Medical Professions; Teresa Roesch, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation; Mark Trzonkowski, Culinary Arts; Brady Richardson, Automotive Technology; Timofey Olesh, Construction Technology and Kostandinos Georgiadis, Construction Technology.



## **Special Olympics**

On May 18, high school students, Sincere Stewart, Abdel Aboushanab, Lorenzo Rice and Melanie Hamilton, along with staff members, Mr. Kiggins, Mr. Patrie, Mrs. Kurro and WHS senior, Delaney Walker, attended the regional Special Olympics at CNS High School. Students spent a great day participating in both individual and team events.



## Chip In For Education

After a three-year hiatus, Chip in for Education returned to celebrate Westhill's 60ish Anniversary! Guests spent the evening enjoying entertainment from The Mere Mortals, sampled food from local food trucks and supported the Westhill Educational Foundation by bidding on items in raffles and auctions. A super jackpot raffle sponsored by the Westhill Booster club featured two prizes of a PS5 and a \$500 cash prize.

The April 15 event, held at St. Ann's in Syracuse, was hosted by the Westhill Educational Foundation, an official nonprofit organization that raises money to help support creative and original learning experiences for Westhill students. Many thanks to all of our generous sponsors and volunteers. This event would not be possible without the support of our Westhill community. Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors!

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## Barduhn Family Scholarship

In honor of former Superintendent, Casey Barduhn, and his mother, Mary, this \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Teresa Roesch. Teresa was selected due to her outstanding performance throughout her high school years on the basketball team and her exceptional contributions to the local community. Teresa will be attending Le Moyne College in the fall and plans to major in psychology.



## Kathleen Tompkins Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship, in memory of OHMS music teacher, Kathleen Tompkins, was awarded to Domenica Klamn. Over the past four years, Domenica has demonstrated an appreciation and passion for the fine arts through her participation in countless musicals and inspiring everyone around her. She will be attending University at Buffalo in the fall.



## Second Annual Mulch Sale

On May 19 and 20, the Westhill Educational Foundation held its Second Annual Mulch Sale. Over 23,000 pounds of mulch were delivered and distributed by board members and student volunteers! Funds raised will benefit students in the Westhill District through grants awarded to faculty and staff as well as new initiatives such as our two annual scholarships for graduating Westhill seniors. Thank you to all that supported the sale and made it a success.

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#### Next Generation Leadership Summit

On May 8, twelve Westhill High School students participated in the Next Generation Leadership Summit hosted by SUNY Cortland. The summit was designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn about leadership skills and characteristics, and to continue working on their school-based project; identifying a suitable replacement for the Positivity Project at Westhill High School.

The Next Generation Leadership Summit was a valuable experience for the students. They were grateful for the opportunity to participate in the summit, and they are excited to continue our community building activities like homecoming decorating, pumpkin carving and March Madness door decorating that have been very popular over the past few years.

Students who hold class office attended the spring event, and in addition to working on our project,, were able to network with student leaders from other Central New York Schools while getting a closer look at the SUNY Cortland facilities. We would like to thank Dr. Kevin Mack for organizing the event and extending an invitation to our Westhill leaders.

