

## Onondaga Hill Middle School Readers Go Head to Head in Thrilling Battle of the Books

The energy was electric at Onondaga Hill Middle School as students put their reading prowess to the test in this year's Battle of the Books! It was truly inspiring to witness so many students diving into different worlds through books and then coming together for such an exciting intellectual showdown.

A huge shout-out to all the dedicated student participants and the amazing volunteer coaches who guided them throughout the year. Your hard work and passion for reading were clearly on display during the fierce competition!

We're thrilled to announce the winning teams:

Expelliarmus has once again claimed the top spot in the 7th/8th grade competition! This powerhouse team, coached by Suzanne Fairbanks and comprised of Ella Stash, Olivia LaRosa, Kendall Maguire, and Julia Redmond, has proven their literary mastery for the third year running. Congratulations on an incredible achievement!

In the 5th/6th grade division, a hearty congratulations to our Wordy Wizards! Led by first-time coach David Minney, team members David Widrick, Joseph Widrick, Brandon Ide, and Alex Preston showcased their impressive reading comprehension and teamwork to secure the win. Fantastic job!

We are incredibly proud of all our readers and their amazing coaches! With close to 100 students participating this year, the enthusiasm for reading at OHMS is truly remarkable. Keep turning those pages!

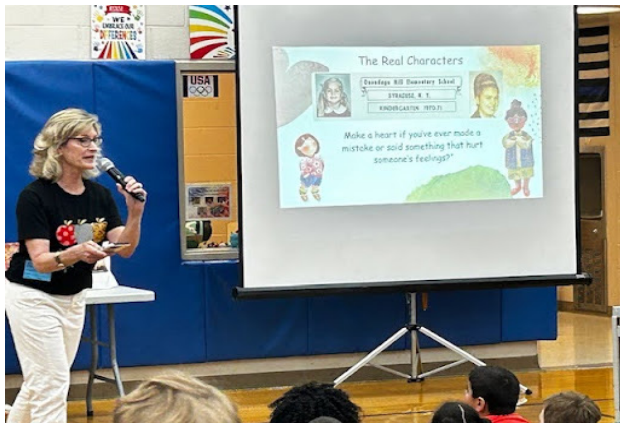


# Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools

## Walberta Park Welcomes Special Visitors!

Walberta Park students and staff welcomed several visitors this month! Jack Gramlich is a nature expert who guided students in making a mini world or ecosystem. Plory, our IReady math friend, came to cheer students on as they take the diagnostic for reading and math. Students were super surprised and excited to see her! Author and former Westhill teacher, Tina Shepardson came to read her book, *The Sorry Seeds*. She spoke to students about how to say sorry and how to accept an apology.

Walberta Park is more than just a place where students attend classes—it is a nurturing environment where young minds are encouraged to explore, create, and achieve their full potential.



## First in Math

On March 20, students in grades 3-5 participated in the "First in Math" virtual statewide tournament. Students played the 24 Game, which is a puzzle in which the objective is to find a way to manipulate integers so that the answer is equal to 24. Third graders Finnegan Morse, Jonathan Olesh, and Owen Kurro placed first of all third graders in our region, and will be heading to Albany at the end of the month to compete in the championship finals. Good luck to our mathematicians!





# Cherry Road School

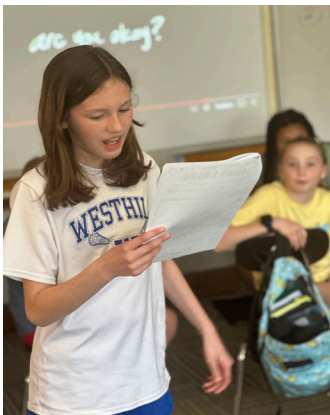
## High School Chemistry Students Visit Cherry Road

High school chemistry teacher, Scott Maimone, brought his Honors Chemistry students to Cherry Road School for an engaging Chemistry Demonstration Day. The third graders participated in hands-on activities guided by the honor students, including creating magnetic slime, launching rocket racers, experimenting with invisible ink, performing balloon magic, and designing paper flowers that bloom. Fueled by curiosity, these future chemists tested hypotheses and explored the fascinating principles of science — all while having a fantastic time!



## IDEAS Club

During the month of April, IDEAS Club celebrated Arab American Heritage Month. Through a variety of activities, students learned about the rich and diverse culture of Arab Americans and the numerous contributions they have made to our lives. We also discussed the importance of promoting understanding and appreciation to put an end to the negative stereotypes some Arab Americans unfairly face. Our topic for May is Mental Health Awareness. The main message is that mental illness is a health concern which should be treated just as any physical illness would be. During a visit from Ms. Hollis-Breen, our Leaders in Training identified positives about themselves by giving themselves affirmations



# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## New Club at OHMS

A student-led "Step team" has been created and working hard here at the middle school! Levaja Rufus, Shaniy Nicholson, Zariah Bailey, Cassie Carney, Asha Omar, Jaylan Hill, Jaliyah Robinson, and Niyea Thompson are currently practicing for an end of the year performance that will impress the school. They are collaborating so well together and can't wait to show off in front of everyone. Lets GO!



## IDEAS Club Update

IDEAS had the pleasure in welcoming Mrs. Banga, a parent of one of our 5th grade students. She paid a visit to the students of IDEAS to talk about Indian culture with a focus on Sikhism. The students were able to learn more about another peer of theirs, what his beliefs & traditions are.

As we are coming close to the end of the year, Mr. Minney, a counselor at the middle school, spoke a lot about mental health. We learned how to cope with certain stressors. Towards the end of May we discussed, as a group, how to be an ally to those in marginalized groups, and how we can use our privilege to help. Thank you everyone for all of your support!



## Otto Brings the Zest to OHMS!

The halls of Onondaga Hill Middle School got a whole lot brighter on April 4th, thanks to a special visit from everyone's favorite citrus mascot, Otto the Orange! You just couldn't help but grin when greeted by that big, cheerful smile.

But, why did Otto make a special trip to OHMS? To celebrate some truly outstanding readers! The students at Onondaga Hill Middle School were among the largest and most enthusiastic participants in the recent Otto's Fall Reading Challenge. And their dedication paid off – get this – they collectively devoured nearly 3,000 books!





# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by OHMS staff as Students of the Month. These students display kindness, respect, hard work and dedication each day, and we are privileged to have them as a part of our middle school community.

5th grade: Maria Moriarty and Gabe Marceau  
7th grade: Ellie Cenajko and Emma Woodring

6th grade: Thomas Parry and Hayden Green  
8th grade: Abigail Reynolds and Levaja Rufus



## Modified Track and Field Comes to OHMS

This spring, Westhill launched its first-ever Modified Track & Field program, marking an exciting new opportunity for 7th and 8th grade student-athletes. Sixty middle school athletes participated in the inaugural season, not only learning the fundamental skills for the variety of track and field events, but also the value of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance on and off the track. The athletes represented Westhill exceptionally with their sportsmanship, teamwork, and impressive performances throughout the season. The success of this inaugural season is a testament to the dedication of the athletes, the unwavering support of their families, and the commitment of the Westhill athletic department and school administration. The modified athletes and coaches would like to especially thank Ms. Smarrelli, as well as the coaches and athletes of the Varsity team, for all that they offered to help make this first season a success. We are looking forward to building on the success of the program in the seasons to come!



# Onondaga Hill Middle School & Westhill High School

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## Our Stories, Our Voices: An OHMS & WHS Angie Thomas Book Club Collaboration

We're still buzzing with excitement following the incredible culmination of our joint book club between WHS and OHMS! Librarians Jessica Regitano and Penny Feeney were delighted to host a special three-part book club centered around Angie Thomas's powerful and award-winning debut novel, *The Hate U Give*.

This unique initiative brought together enthusiastic 8th graders and high school students, all eager to delve into the important themes and compelling characters of *The Hate U Give*. Each participating student received their very own copy of the book, fostering a shared reading experience and insightful discussions.

The book club experience reached an extraordinary peak with the opportunity to see the author, Angie Thomas, in person! Adding an extra layer of brilliance to this event, we are incredibly proud to announce the achievement of one of our very own OHMS students, Jaylan Hill! A dedicated reader of all of Angie Thomas's books, Jaylan entered an essay contest connected to the author's event.

The essay prompt centered on the theme of second chances and asked students to reflect on the personal impact of second chances in their own lives. Jaylan's thoughtful and insightful essay was selected as the winner! As the essay contest winner, Jaylan had the distinct honor of meeting Angie Thomas and asking the opening question for the entire evening! This enriching and impactful experience was made possible thanks to the generous support of a Westhill Educational Foundation grant. We extend our sincere gratitude for their commitment to fostering literacy and providing such unique opportunities for our students.





# Westhill High School

## AP Environmental Science Field trip to Reworld and Onondaga Lake

The AP Environmental Science students went on a field trip to Reworld and Onondaga Lake. During the experience, students gained eye-opening insights into environmental issues and the importance of sustainability. They discovered that waste management practices vary significantly around the world. For example, in Europe, about 95% of trash is incinerated, leaving only 5% to end up in landfills. In contrast, the United States burns just 10% of its trash, with the remaining 90% going into landfills. We were struck by the amount of trash we encountered. It was concerning and motivated many of us to think about how we can reduce waste and better care for our environment.

We also learned that macroinvertebrates—small aquatic organisms—are more commonly found in cleaner water. Their presence is often an indicator of good water quality, which emphasizes the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems. Lastly, we learned how deeply our actions impact the environment. We were impressed by the ongoing efforts to restore Onondaga Lake and make it a safer, cleaner place. It's exciting to think about the improvements still to come and how the lake's popularity and public use might evolve in the future.



# OHMS Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2024-2025

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## Grade 8 High Honor

Anderson, Eliana  
Barcak, Natalie  
Battista, Jacqueline  
Brown, Juliana  
Burns, Madigan  
Canavan, Luna  
Canavan, Virginia  
Carroll, Elliott  
Cobb, Logan  
Colangelo, Carmella  
Coleman, Reagan  
Collett, Reagan  
Cook, Jack  
Czaplicki, Kate  
DeLine, James  
Destito, Amelia  
Dimovski, Luka  
Durant, Clark  
Ellis, Nicholas  
Engle, Isabella  
Etoll, Keira  
Fraser, Brady  
Gallardo, Sophie  
Green, Dylan  
Greenfield, Gavin  
Harrington, Gavin  
Horning, Anne  
Jackson, Griffin  
Johnson, Lyric  
Konkol, Khaya  
LaSalle, Amelia  
Mahoney, Audrey  
Morgan, Ella  
Olesh, Sofia  
Paparo, Morgan  
Pendergast, Tanner  
Pluff, Shanley  
Pratt, Tyler  
Primiano, Adelina  
Quattrocci, Bryan  
Ramos, Cielo  
Reynolds, Abigail  
Rogers, Brian  
Schermerhorn, Kiley  
Schilling, Aedan  
Sisack, Brynna  
Soule, Charles  
Sprouse, Eamon  
Tjaden, Trey  
Valenti, Michael  
Walsh, Reagan  
Walsh, Riley  
Zhdan, Yuliia  
Zuckerman, Alexander

## Grade 8 Honor

Abdelfatah, Sela

Altheblah, Yusuf  
Auringer, Giada  
Besaw, Jacob  
Buckingham, Rilee  
Campanella, Luke  
Carson, Landon  
Castle, Josephine  
Chase, Livia  
Condon, Madigan  
Detor, Bridget  
Dhamoon, Gurtej  
Flegel, Jackson  
Friend, Connor  
Giannino, Arianna  
Gumtow, Evey  
Headd, Matthew  
Hill, Jaylan  
Hubler, Audrey  
Johnson, Owen  
Judge, Antonia  
LeFever, Alaina  
Manning, Kierra  
Marshall, Spencer  
Montalto, Eliana  
O'Brien, Madelynn  
Orbino, Isabella  
Perville, Nicholas  
Rashid, Tefferro  
Robinson, Cassius  
Rowley, Mya  
Sales, Simone  
Scanlon, Michael  
Scheirer, Gianna  
Sierotnik, Lillian  
Sova, Jeremy  
Stoddard, Franklin  
Storinge, Harry  
Taylor, Matthew  
Thabet, Alyaa  
Wall, Briahanna  
West, William  
White, Layla  
Wright, Beckett

## Grade 7 High Honor

Aiduk, Mya  
Aladwar, Malik  
Almamari, Ahd  
Amidon, Alexander  
Baracco, Isla  
Carlyle, Kathryn  
Carruth, William  
Carruthers, Jasper  
Cass, Joseph  
Cenajko, Elliot  
Chang, Samantha  
Connelly, Quinn  
Dixon, Maura

Eischen, Jane  
Faigle, Ellie  
Francisco, Juliana  
Freund, Ethan  
Gehm, Julia  
Gridley, Luke  
Grome, Macie  
Henderson, Aiden  
Hennigan, Evelyn  
Herne, Charles  
Herron, Giavana  
Holowinski, Lucas  
Ibrahim, Janelle  
Jackson, Colin  
Jaquint, Atticus  
Kalinowski, Elliott  
Killoran, Kellan  
Kinney, Caroline  
Konkol, Tobin  
LaRosa, Olivia  
Maestri, Emilia  
Maguire, Kendall  
Mamorella, Isabel  
Marceau, Oliver  
Mathews, Max  
McNeilly, Harrison  
Nugent, Jackson  
ONeil, Molly  
Past, Lily  
Pautz, Peyton  
Platt, Jayden  
Presley, Clare  
Primiano, Alana  
Redmond, Julia  
Richardson, Jillian  
Root, Seamus  
Satalin, Gehrig  
Satalin, Kathleen  
Savelesky, Aurora  
Scozzari, Alexandra  
Seitz, Eden  
Seymour, Lyla  
Sisson, Charles  
Stash, Ella  
Thabet, Jenna  
Tyszka, Benjamin  
Waltz, Belle  
Weinsztok, Noah  
Wells, Karah  
Woodring, Emma  
Worden, Nora  
Zheng, Suri

## Grade 7 Honor

Abedrabbah, Muhammad  
Abraham, Nina  
Agley, Logan  
Allen, Daniel



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## Grade 7 Honor continued

Armani, Joviana  
Auge, Cooper  
Bagnell, Clive  
Brooks, Judah  
Burns, Charles  
Carroll, Kathryn  
Cassidy IV, Charles  
Clark, Avery  
Clyne, Landon  
Collins, Joseph  
Connell, Taylor  
Couse, Vincent  
D'Agostino, Hailey  
Donegan, Ella  
Esposito, Jocelyn  
Fogarty, Connor  
Goodwin, Kelly  
Grobosky, Rowen  
Herron, Gian  
Hicks, Blin  
Holt, Shiloh  
Huggins, Jahsai  
Ireland, Madilyn  
Jackson, Owen  
Kelly, Quest  
Kimball, Julia  
Kincaid, Megan  
Klamm, Dilynn  
Loucks, Gabriel  
Minier, Cameron  
Montague, Benjamin  
Morse, Malachy  
Mosleh, Maysa  
Nicholson, Shaniy  
O'Brien, Helena  
O'Brien, Mason  
Omar, Asha  
Padula, Ana  
Parr, Kendall  
Pillari, Patrick  
Pope, Deja  
Pucello, Ella  
Romano, Jack  
Rotella, Lyla  
Savastano, Dylan  
Scanlon, Henry  
Stokes, Lucas  
Streiff, Chiara  
Thomas, Zahle  
Viavattine, Francesca  
Wells, Ava  
Wilmot, Lily

## Grade 6 High Honor

Altheblah, Somayah  
Bidnyi, Matthew

Cassalia, Broderick  
Christopher, Avery  
Coleman, Griffin  
Collacchi, Connor  
Collett, Mary  
Craver, Olive  
Dacko, Katarina  
DeFabbio, Matthew  
DiMarco, Lillian  
Dixon, Evelyn  
Dowd, Tanner  
Evans, Avery  
Fowler, Eliana  
Franco, Morgan  
Gallardo, Caleb  
Gibson, Kayla  
Green, Hayden  
Greenfield, Nolan  
Grosso, Nicholas  
Henderson, Briana  
Henesey, Alice  
Herne, Grace  
Holleran, Ella  
Ide, Brandon  
Iwachiw, Cora  
Kurro, Emelia  
MacLachlan, Margaret  
Madonia, Sasha  
Martin, Todd  
Masset, Jonathan  
Mitchell, Edan  
Mollie, Ilithya  
Montalto, Massimo  
Moro, Vincent  
Mulligan, Mackenzie  
Obernesser, Ellen  
ONeill, Lux  
Osterman, Annabelle  
Pease, Quinn  
Platt, Griffin  
Price, Seamus  
Rudiger, Connor  
Russo, Anelia  
Samhammer, John  
Seymour, Kaleah  
Sisson, Emmy  
Stroman, Samuel  
Summa, Anthony  
Tacea, Ilias  
Tacea, Isidora  
Thabet, Rana  
Vidas, Evelyn  
Wallace, Brielle  
Widrick, Joseph  
Winchell, Noah  
Zuckerman, Lucas

## Grade 6 Honor

Abdallah, Qusai  
Ayesha, Eliana  
Bandel, Kendra  
Barfield, Henry  
Byrd, Kemiya  
Castle, Jackson  
Chalker, Mia  
Cheston, Mia  
Ciambriello, Rosalia  
Colangelo, Luke  
Connell, Claire  
Earl, Eliza  
Edmond, Brooklyn  
Galvin, Benjamin  
Gersbacher, Danielle  
Hamilton, Danielle  
Hares, Kenzie  
Headd, Catherine  
Hoffman, Josephine  
Hope, Laura  
Irving, Violet  
Kenneally, Liam  
Ketchum, Caleb  
Krawczyk, Liam  
Linden, Hudson  
Lora Gonzalez, Arminda  
Marku, Vasilios  
McGlynn, Ryan  
McVicker, Callan  
Morgan, Evan  
Nelson, Rihanna  
Panighetti, Olive  
Parry III, Thomas  
Pease, Matthew  
Perski, Brooklyn  
Pratt, Alana  
Preville, Chase  
Prince, Eva  
Ramage, Keti  
Ritz, Eliza  
Rotolo, Mason  
Ryan, Beckett  
Schilling, Declan  
Shelmidine, Wesley  
Steenrod, Lelan  
Straub, Jocelyn  
Thabet, Mayar  
Vidas, Dylan  
Ward, Ella  
Waters, Gracelyn  
Wheeler, Tobias  
Ziober, Upton



# Westhill High School

## February Warriors of the Month

9th: Dylan Gridley

Dylan is a dedicated student and athlete. Despite suffering injuries this year he has been nothing but supportive to his teammates in Cross Country and Indoor Track and remained positive for the outdoor season ahead. In the classroom he is friendly, participates often, and goes out of his way to help his peers. Dylan is reflective and works hard to improve and advocates for himself. He is a great role model at Westhill!

10th: Lucy Murphy

Lucy is a student who truly embodies the essence of leadership through her actions. She is both warm and welcoming to everyone in class, always creating an inclusive atmosphere. Lucy effortlessly partners with anyone, and her kindness sets her apart, reflecting her genuine spirit of collaboration and care.

11th: Eric Holstein

Eric consistently remains composed, no matter the chaos surrounding him. He handles every situation with calm and never lets himself be swayed by the turbulence around him. He takes on every task with dedication and without hesitation, always delivering his best work. Eric approaches everything with a strong work ethic and unwavering commitment, and his respect and kindness toward others are evident in all his interactions.

12th: Sam Burkett (Nominated by Mrs. Donegan)

I wholeheartedly look forward to seeing and chatting with Sam each and every day. (Luckily, I get to see her twice daily as she is enrolled in two of my classes!) She is an extremely thoughtful young woman who takes great pride in her learning, loves to think outside of the box and adds so much depth to in-class discussions. In fact, she encourages those around her to become invested as well, by adding positive commentary to her classmates' thoughts and ideas. She also takes the time to thank me every day after class, which adds to both her character and the Westhill Warrior ideology!



## WHS Chapter of Future Health Professionals (HOSA) Update

The Westhill High School chapter of HOSA—Future Health Professionals—has had an exciting and enriching spring season filled with hands-on learning and state-level success. As part of a grant program through the Central New York Area Health Education Center (CNYAHEC), students had the opportunity to develop real-world medical skills. Club members practiced suturing techniques, earned their Stop the Bleed certification, and participated in a field trip to Upstate Medical University, where they explored careers in healthcare and met with current medical students and professionals.

In addition to these learning experiences, Westhill HOSA also competed in the New York State HOSA Conference held on April 2nd and 3rd. The team delivered an outstanding performance, with 17 individual winners — who brought home 18 medals, 5 of them being gold! Students competed in a variety of healthcare-related events such as Physical Therapy, Health Education, and Public Service Announcement creation.

Congratulations to all of our HOSA members for their hard work and dedication!





# Westhill High School

## 8th Graders Visit WHS & Decision Day

### 8th Graders Visit WHS

To help 8th graders feel more comfortable with their next big transition, the entire 8th grade class visited Westhill High School on Friday, May 16th. Upperclassmen helped them feel welcome by giving tours of the building, and presenting about the plethora of clubs, sports and activities available at the high school. The event included a video introducing them to freshmen teachers and upperclassmen answered frequently asked questions. We are looking forward to welcoming them again in the fall!

### Decision Day for Seniors

The Counseling Center hosted their 6th annual event for seniors this year to celebrate Decision Day.

"Decision 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 2025!



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## Grade 12

Abdelfatah, Amana  
Abedrabbah, Razan  
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid  
Adams, Alexandra  
Agley, Lucas  
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike  
Al Mamari, Amr  
Allen, Tate  
Alt, Maille  
Andrella, Dylan  
Antoine, Ava  
Balduzzi, Emily  
Baty, Ava  
Bender, Alice  
Bergett, Grace  
Burkett, Samantha  
Burns, Phoebe  
Cardoso, Anthony  
Cecile, Annabella  
Colangelo, Anabelle  
Cole, Chloe  
Coss, Makaila  
Cusimano, Rocco  
Detor, Claire  
Donegan, Sophia  
Dorfman, Molly  
Eldred, Zane  
Fitzgerald, Nora  
Gedney, Ellianna  
Geiger, Angelyna  
Glover, Michael  
Goldman, Adyson  
Goral, Kaylee  
Goral, Mya  
Gregory, Chyla  
Gumaer, Phoebe  
Hamam, Israa Maadh  
Hayes V, Robert  
Heise, Morgan  
Henesey, Luke  
Holowinski, Aubrey  
Joyce, Camaryn  
Juman, Eli  
Kelly, Caleigh  
Kelly, Colin  
Kimball, Lauren  
Klamm, Jeremiah  
Kodoe, Godwin  
Loomis, Christian  
Loveless, Lillian  
MacBain, Sydney  
Macko, Jacob  
Marshall, Emma  
McCloat, Abrianna  
McGann, Julie  
Medeiros, Sydney  
Merrick, Thomas  
Metzgar, Julian  
Mulholland, Owen  
Murphy, Emma  
Murphy, Jonathon  
O'Hern, Keller  
Olesh, Anita  
Pease, Jack  
Pendergast, Thomas

Pirong, Joseph  
Popp, Edward  
Prince, Jaydin  
Ramsing, Cadence  
Rienhardt, Emily  
Rodriguez, Olivia  
Roesch, Elizabeth  
Rose, Conor  
Rosenberger, Kara  
Rouse, Owen  
Sampo, Anthony  
Scanlon, William  
Scheel, Nicholas  
Sheridan, Riley  
Shiel, Colin Ryan  
Sipley, Helena  
Sisack, Emlyn  
Stanton, Laura  
Sullivan, Grace  
Swierk, Ryan  
Tarolli, Evangelina  
Taylor, Emily  
Torres Ramos, Lyannis  
Valenti, Claire  
Valenti, Sophia  
Willingham, Taina

## Grade 11

Amidon, Aiden  
Amorese, Gabriel  
Bruzdinski III, John  
Buell, Addison  
Burke, Kiley  
Campanella, Tyler  
Carroll, Miles  
Carruthers, Adelynn  
Cognato, John  
Colon, Aaliyah  
Cordova, Vincent  
Cowin, Maxwell  
Curtis, Fenris  
Czaplicki, Benjamin  
D'Agostino, Elizabeth  
DeJesus, Josselyn  
Downs, Blake  
Eckert, Anna  
Faigle, Grace  
Franco, Mason  
Ganley, Caroline  
Gilhooley, Brendan  
Goode, Delaney  
Goode, Hadley  
Goodness, Jackson  
Goodwin, Zachary  
Gorman, Grace  
Hatch, Milo  
Hayes, John  
Hayes, Selina  
Holleran, Liam  
Holstein, Eric  
Hunt, Thomas  
Jackson, Anna  
Kaczor, Stella  
Kenny, Ronan  
Kenny, Tiernan  
Kincaid, Cormac

King, Kayleigh  
Kohanski, Adriana  
Langham, Allison  
Lopez, Collin  
Maines, Aiden  
Mann, Mackenzie  
Mondo, Andrew  
Mullen, Eileen  
Napolitano, Stella  
Ortiz, Leila  
Parry, Eleanor  
Pens, Kellen  
Petrone, Calvin  
Pope, Sienna  
Poston, Aryanna  
Prince, Elias  
Ramos, Carlos  
Raner, McKenzie  
Reilly, Olivia  
Rice, Lorenzo  
Richardson, Carter  
Roach, Meara  
Rudiger, Abigail  
Ryan, Molly  
Sadowski, Andrew  
Sainsbury, Claire  
Sainsbury, Ryan  
Scarfino, Dominic  
Schmitz, Lily  
Shephard, Madicine  
Shepherd, Ellis  
Sisson, Kevin  
Snyder, Amie  
Snyder, Meghan  
Snyder, Samantha  
Somers, Adelynn  
Soule, Madelyn  
Sparks, Olivia  
Speer, Trinity  
Stotler, Adam  
Stroman, Peter  
Talucci, Gage  
Thompson, William  
Turner, Braelyn  
Tyszka, Alexander  
Valerino, Angelina  
Vaughan, Margaret  
Wallace, Caleb  
Wilbur, Jena  
Wilson, Carter  
Winkler, Avery  
Wright, Reagan  
Young, Katherine

## Grade 10

Abdallah, Sadeen  
Alberts, Adeline  
Allen, Brooke  
Allen, Max  
Altheblah, Brahim  
Bagnell, Tatum  
Cardoso, Nicolas  
Choe, Austin  
Clarry, Bryson  
Colangelo, Samantha  
Conley, Colleen



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## Grade 10 (Cont.)

Conroy, Mackenzie  
Crawford, Lane  
D'Agostino, Claire  
DeLine, Lucas  
DeMore, Lucy  
Dennee, Christopher  
Destito, Isabella  
DeTomaso, Giana  
Domick, Isabella  
Edlund, Kiera  
Ellis, Christine  
Enright, Aaliyah  
Etoll, Grady  
Finnerty, Ryan  
Frasier, Jackson  
Gallardo, Isabella  
Garcia, Jamil  
Gehm, Tyler  
Gray, Owen  
Gutierrez, Kamora  
Henderson, Ayriana  
Henesey, Matthew  
Herne, Louis  
Hodkinson, Anna  
Horning, Grace  
Ide, Caitlin  
Jackson, Jake  
Johnson, Sophia  
Judge, Charles  
Kelly, Claire  
Kelly, Teagan  
Kinney, Mary  
Krenrich, Kaitlin  
Lasher, Sophia  
MacLachlan, Thomas  
Maher, Anthony  
Marshall, Ava  
McGann, Sean  
McGee, Felicity  
McNeilly, Hazel  
McRae, Ayanah  
Mersfelder, Tyler  
Montalto, Adelina  
Moore, James  
Mulligan, Ava  
Murphy, Kaylin  
Nagraj, Mariana  
Pawelczyk, Allison  
Pease, Logan  
Pendergast, Cooper  
Peryea, Jayden  
Petrone, Madeleine  
Piel, Alexander Prince, Elias  
Primiano, Eulalia  
Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne  
Rogers, Reagan  
Rouse, Brielle  
Ruski, Serenity  
Ryan, Elliette  
Sanavonxay, Jazlyn  
Sauer, Parker  
Scanlon, Charles  
Shephard, Mathew  
Sobotka, Mariusz  
Soule, Eva

Spasevski, Ivana  
Vashchishin, Samuel  
Walker, Eli  
Wallace, Ashton  
West, Emma  
Williamson, Cayden  
Wilmoth, Owen  
Young, Daniel  
Young, Trevor  
Zhdan, Vitalii  
Zuckerman, Zoe

## Grade 9

Al Khatib Al Jashi, Yamama  
Al Mamari, Shahid  
Asim, Umamah  
Athanas, Andrew  
Auge, Emmerson  
Auringer, Schuyler  
Beal, JreShawn  
Belcore, Rosella  
Bova, Sophia  
Brown, Jordon  
Buckman, Skylar  
Buell, Sydney  
Burke, Jameson  
Carruth, John  
Cassalia, Patrick  
Centore, Angelina  
Chaddock, Evan  
Cognato, Averie  
Coleman, Reilly  
Collacchi, Emma  
Columbus, Hannah  
Cordova, Christian  
Culligan, Brea  
Davidson, Owen  
DeFabbio, Sophia  
DelRio, Stef'Fonie  
Dillard Jr., Brandon  
Dixon, Reagan  
Donegan, Redd  
Dowd, Cameron  
Dunbar, Teagan  
Eldred, Jade  
Flegel, Julia  
Francisco, Dean  
Franco, Maxwell  
Gaffney, Liam  
Gaines, Lyla  
Ganley, Daniel  
Gerasimovich, Isabella  
Glover, Charles  
Glover, Henry  
Gridley, Dylan  
Grosso, Eva  
Hamam, Aiham  
Hange, Brooke  
Harrison, Serani  
Ibrahim, Ahmad  
Jaquint, Stone  
Kelly, Quinn  
Ketchum, Hayden  
Lin, Cayla  
MacMaster, Kaylie  
Maestri, David

Marceau, Adrien  
Marinelli, Joseph  
Martin, Scott  
Martini, Marah  
Mathews, Leigh  
McMahon, Emmett  
Mondo, Melissa  
Morales, Willa  
Morse, Shealyn  
Mota, Alexis  
Napolitano, Sabine  
Parry, Evangeline  
Pichoske, Nicholas  
Pizarro Fuentes, Edriel  
Platt, Hayden  
Pluff, Katherine  
Powless, Shaniya  
Presley, Alexandra  
Rewakowski, Andrew  
Ritz, Leo  
Root, Addison  
Ross, Caleb  
Satalin, David  
Savelesky, Sofia  
Scarfino, Stella  
Schug, McKenzie  
Scott, Khloe  
Scozzari, Samuel  
Seitz, Noah  
Shqair, Mohammed  
Spinner, Kaleigha  
Starowicz, Fiona  
Straub, Emily  
Stroman, Grace  
Tarolli, Thomas  
Tjaden, Julia  
Tremblay, Addyson  
Tyszka, William  
Viscome, Cailin  
Wilson, Blake  
Zheng, Winnie  
Ziober, Beckham



# Westhill High School & District

## WHS Concert Choir Travels to Tennessee

The Westhill Concert Choir, under the direction of Joseph Buchmann, traveled to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to compete in the The Music In The Parks music festival in Dollywood. The choir performed amazingly well and came in second place in their category and fourth overall out of forty-one choirs from eight southern states. Westhill was the only choir from the north. The judges and everyone loved our performance the new chorus performance attire!

The trip also included seeing two spectacular live performances by incredible musicians, singers and dancers, The Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Feud and the Country Tonite Variety Show. The group toured the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, hiked part of the Appalachian trail, explored the beautiful town of Gatlinburg and spent a day at one of the best amusement parks in the United States, Dollywood. The trip was a major success and immersed the students into the Eastern Tennessee bluegrass culture. All the students represented Westhill with class and pride and brought smiles and joy to everyone involved.

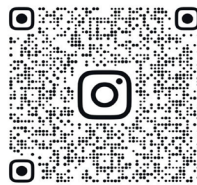


## WHS Theater Department Presents Outstanding Shows!

The Westhill High School theater department presented two outstanding shows this year. The Fall Play, directed and produced by Joseph Buchmann, was a fun fractured fairytale called, Haphazardly Ever After. A story of a King and Queen that have four grown bratty children that will not grow up and leave the castle. Queen Mildred and King Barnaby were played by Emily Rienhardt and Adam Stotler, and their four rotten child were played by Anabelle Colangelo (Princess Cinnamon), Aiden Maines (Prince Hairgel), Addie Carruthers (Princess Peppermint) and Alexander Piel (Prince Slacker). The show had two well attended performances for the public and one amazing performance for the enthusiastic students of Cherry Road. It was a fun show with a large cast. We are looking forward to another great show coming in the Fall of 2025!

The second show was the incredible musical production of the Broadway classic Hello, Dolly! Over 70 students were involved in the production starring Anabelle Colangelo as Dolly Levi, Adam Stotler as Horace Vandergelder, Phoebe Burns as Irene Molloy, Aiden Maines as Cornelius Hackl, Christian Cordova as Barnaby Tucker and Sophia Hoffman as Minnie Faye. The set was an original design created and built for Westhill by professional set designer Chad Healy. The set was built and painted by over 50 students and parent volunteers. The show takes place in 1890 in New York City and Yonkers, New York. Keeping this in mind, the set was designed to look like an old time sepia photograph. With all the costumes and the stunning set, it made for an unforgettable scene. The show was theatrically directed by Mary Buchmann, music directed and produced by Joseph Buchmann, pit orchestra directed by Erin Althen and choreographed by Ashley Evanchof.

Follow the Westhill Theatre Instagram to keep up what is going on with the stage productions at Westhill High School and be one of the first to find out what shows the coming will bring!



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# Westhill High School & Athletics

## WHS Students Raise Money at Ski-athlon

Teagan and Ryan participated in a ski-athlon this past winter. Both participated in a 24 hour ski-athon at Greek Peak Mountain resort to raise money for cystic fibrosis. They came in first place for the pairs most runs and completed 172 runs down the hill in 24 hours. Teagan also came in second place for fundraising by raising \$1200 for cystic fibrosis research. Westhill kids doing good things on the weekend!



## Westhill Earns Project Lead the Way School of Distinction

The Westhill High School recently earned a High School of Distinction from Project Lead The Way. The criteria to earn the distinction was to have at least 33% of our students take more than one Project Lead The Way course. Westhill had 52% of its students take two or more Project Lead The Pre-Engineering courses. We have some pretty amazing and talented students!



## Spring Teams Earn NYSPHSSA 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. The 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.

We are pleased to announce that seven of our spring varsity teams have been recognized as NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams. Scholar Teams for the spring 2025 season include girls' lacrosse, girls' outdoor track and field, boys' outdoor track and field, baseball, softball, boys' tennis and girls' golf. Westhill had 146 varsity student athletes participating in the spring sports program with 90 of them earning a 90% or greater average for the 3rd quarter. Congratulations to all of our student athletes on this tremendous accomplishment and to our faculty and staff for always supporting our student athletes in the classroom.

# Westhill Educational Foundation

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**The Westhill Educational Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of The Barduhn Family Scholarship and The Kathleen Tompkins Memorial Scholarship for the senior class of 2025:**

## **WEF Barduhn Family Scholarship**

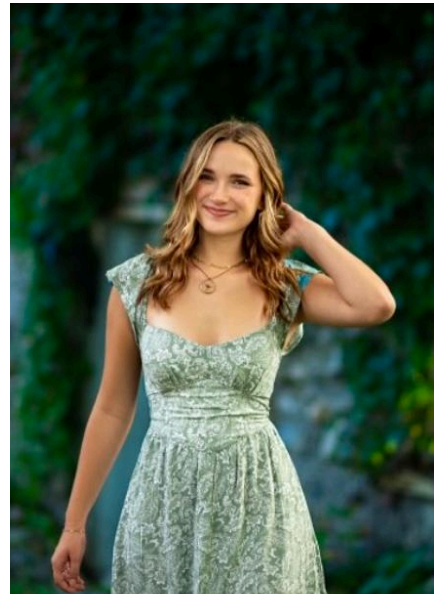


This \$1,000 scholarship, in honor of former superintendent Casey Barduhn and his mother, Mary, was awarded to Grace Bergett. Grace is a very active member of the Westhill community! She holds leadership roles in several student organizations such as Character Education and Westhill Student Government and participates in many others including Academic Decathlon, HOSA and DECA. Grace also holds leadership positions in the National Honor Society and French National Society. In addition, she is a three sport Varsity athlete in Soccer, Indoor Track and Field and Lacrosse. In the fall, Grace plans to study at Northeastern University and will major in Political Science and Human Services.

## **WEF Kathleen Tompkins Memorial Scholarship**

This \$1,000 scholarship, in memory of OHMS music teacher Kathleen Tompkins, was awarded to Phoebe Burns. A member of the band, “The Little Joys”, Phoebe is actively involved in many musical endeavors, including her lead roles

in WHS Musicals, her active membership of Tri-M Music Honor Society and her tenure as President of Concert Choir. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society, and participates in many clubs and organizations both within WHS and in the greater Syracuse community. Phoebe plans to study at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall and major in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences.



These two scholarships were made possible by the generous donation from the Lupine Haven Organization and the continued support of our Westhill Community.

We are thrilled to recognize these two outstanding recipients and wish them both the best of luck in the future!



# District News

## Buckets for Baldrick

More than 360 hoops players from across Central New York—many from Westhill—participated in the fourth annual Buckets for St. Baldrick's 3 v 3 youth basketball tournament at Cherry Road School on Sunday April 6.

The event raised \$91,000 for pediatric cancer research thanks to the fundraising efforts of the players, as well as many generous donations and sponsorships from local businesses, including many with connections to the Westhill School District. In conjunction with the tournament, several staff members shaved their heads at CRS and Walberta on March 28 with the Westhill Shave Team, which contributed over \$13,000 to the fundraising total.

Players in grades 2 through 8—including two cancer survivors—competed in grade level age group competitions in games in both gyms, from 8 a.m. through 7 p.m. Winners were awarded medals and basketballs and top fundraisers earned raffle prizes. Players were visited by several members of the Syracuse University women's and men's basketball teams, as well as Otto the Orange.

The tournament, started by 2023 WHS graduate Bodie Centore, has raised over \$220,000 since its inception in 2022. Donations can still be made to the 2025 event here: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/buckets25>.

Staff members who shaved their heads were Superintendent Steve Dunham, Assistant Superintendent Rick Chapman, WHS Principal Dan Dolan, CRS principal Jeremie Auge, WPS teachers Peggy Byrne and Kevin Hoag, and district social worker David Minney. Mrs. Byrne was the event's top fundraiser, raising over \$10,000.

Mr. Dunham was recognized at the event for 10 years of service to St. Baldrick's, as he officially earned the rank of Knight Commander with St. Baldrick's.

Special thanks go to Mr. Dunham, Jon Connelly and Zachary Kiggins for all their help; to Joe Farino and the Cherry Road custodial staff; the Westhill basketball players, National Honor Society students, teachers, alumni and parents who volunteered to referee and help; and to Kevin McClave and Jaida Welch for capturing the day in photo and video.





# District News

## PAINT WESTVALE PURPLE PWP '25

WE EXTEND OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO THE WESTVALE COMMUNITY AND WESTHILL CSD FOR THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT. YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND PARTICIPATION TRULY MAKE THIS EVENT SPECIAL EACH YEAR.

### *Race Day*

The Paint Westvale Purple 5K, 1-Mile Bubble Run, and Kids Fun Run took place on Sunday, May 18, at Cherry Road School, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of participants and community supporters. The event proved to be a resounding success, with runners and walkers of all ages enjoying a morning of fitness and fun.

### *A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Volunteers and Performers*

The success of PWP would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, who ensured a safe and fun course for all participants. Additionally, the day was enlivened by performances from the talented students of the Westhill Modern Band program, who performed covers and originals, to the Onondaga Hill Middle School select choir, which sang and signed the National Anthem. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all our volunteers, performers and, sponsors!

### *Join the Paint Westvale Purple Race Committee*

We invite community members to join the PWP Race Committee! If you're interested in participating in the planning for PWP 2026, please reach out by emailing [pwp5krun@gmail.com](mailto:pwp5krun@gmail.com), and we will get in touch with you. Your contribution will play a vital role in ensuring the success of future events!

**MORE EVENT PICTURES  
AND INFORMATION AT  
[PWP5KRUN.COM](http://PWP5KRUN.COM)**







# PWP

# CHARITY CHOICE CONTEST



PWP IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE CHARITY CHOICE CONTEST, A HEARTWARMING INITIATIVE THAT ENGAGES YOUNG MINDS IN CHARITABLE GIVING AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION. THIS YEAR, THE PWP 5K AND 1-MILE BUBBLE RUN RAISED CLOSE TO \$9,000 AND WILL DONATE FUNDS TO THE WESTHILL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, WESTHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND, ST. CHARLES FOOD PANTRY, AND THIS YEAR'S CHOSEN NOMINEES: **CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS AND LUKE'S ARMY PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH FUND.**

THE PWP CHARITY CHOICE CONTEST INVITED ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE WHY A LOCAL CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE IS IMPORTANT TO THEM AND THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS EFFORT WAS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THE ROLE OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH CREATIVITY. THE SUBMISSIONS WERE BOTH TOUCHING AND INSPIRING, SHOWCASING THE COMPASSIONATE SPIRIT OF OUR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS.

PWP CONGRATULATES ALL PARTICIPANTS AND EXTENDS GRATITUDE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

## WINNING ENTRIES

### OLIVIA KURTZ

**Walberta Park School  
Charity Choice Contest**

Draw a picture about your favorite local charity...



Charity Name: Clear path for veterans

I think the PWP Race Committee should give money to this local charity because the dogs help people that fought in wars. I love dogs. They are the best!

Name: Olivia Kurtz

Teacher: Mrs. Goodrich

### TRUMAN JOHNSON

**Cherry Road School  
Charity Choice Contest**

Draw a picture...



Charity Name:

LUKE'S ARMY Pediatric Cancer Research Fund  
Dad went to our school. Maybe if we give money to Luke's Research Fund kids in the future won't get hurt by cancer.

Name: Truman Johnson

Teacher: Mrs. Verbeke

CHARITY CHOICE contest

CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS

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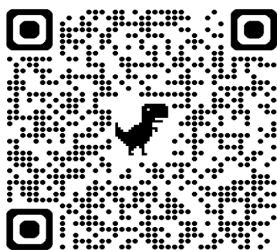
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## Getting Community Members Connected

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

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

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



*Stay Connected!*

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