Book Drive

This January, the sixth grade students at OHMS completed “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind” by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. While learning about the main character’s problems and his invention to build a windmill to power his community, the students discovered he was able to accomplish this by teaching himself to read and understand motors from the small library of American books at his school. Several students presented a challenge to their classmates, to collect used or unwanted books from home to help students like William have access to books. Based on the donation criteria from Books for Africa, a nonprofit organization dedicated to collecting, sorting, shipping, and distributing books to children and adults in Africa, the sixth grade collected 147 books that were shipped to Books for Africa to help end Africa’s book famine. A special thank you to the student organizers: Dyonte Bragg, A’zarion Bullock, Tahjier Currier, Mason Franco, Emma Hatch, Brandon Pellegrino, Alexander Piel, Elijah Piel, Adelynn Somer, Kevin Sisson, Peter Stroman and Carter Wilson.

Beak Challenge

First graders are learning about how different parts of a bird help them survive. During the “Beak Challenge”, students got to test which beak was the best for scooping fish, digging worms and cracking seeds!
Celebrating Martin Luther King

Kindergarteners at Walberta learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and how he helped to change some unfair laws in our country. They read the book, *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King*, and then did an experiment with eggs. They cracked open a brown egg and a white egg and discovered that they are both the same inside, just like us!

Students Visit Senior Center

Mrs. Merritt’s kindergarten class recently visited Peregrine Senior Living Center. The class sang several songs to the residents. Both the residents and the children enjoyed working together on a craft and having snack together!

Dr. Seuss Day

On March 6, 2020, WPS students celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday as a part of the Read Around the Planet day. Students moved to different classes in the building and read Dr. Seuss books. They then had fun participating in different rhyming activities in honor of the format that Dr. Seuss most frequently used.

100th Day Celebration

On February 24, 2020, we celebrated the 100th day of school at Walberta Park. Every class spent some time talking about the number 100 and doing activities related to how big 100 is. It was a fun day of learning and helping students understand how big 100 really is.
Second Grade Art

Second grade art students envisioned and designed futuristic robots!

Fourth Grade Art

Fourth grade art students used a new art technique called metal tooling. Inspired by medieval knights in shining armor, students learn to repousse and chase on metal to create their own metal shield.

Frogs and Friends

Third graders spent weeks learning all about various types of interesting frogs and their “freaky” adaptations. After reading about and researching frogs, the students wrote a pourquoi narrative, an informational paragraph about frogs, an informational essay about a frog of their choice, and they created a scientific illustration for a handmade trading card. As a culminating activity and celebration of all of their hard work, third grade students had an opportunity to read their writing pieces and share their “Freaky Frog Research Notebooks” with second graders. The second graders learned some new information and got to visit a third grade classroom, and the third grade students got to show off their work and feel proud of what they accomplished! Pictured here are students from both Mrs. Ziober’s class and Mrs. Jackson’s class.
The fifth graders in Mrs. Feyerabend’s art classes have been creating self-portraits. The students were wowed by how very mathematical drawing the human head is. For example, did you know that if you put your thumb under your nose and your index finger on your eyebrow and move towards your ear, your ear will fit perfectly between your index finger and thumb. That’s just one example. The students also incorporated their strongest P2 trait within the self portrait. Check out Lucy Demore’s art, “kindness”, which is, not surprisingly, her strongest trait.

Our sixth grade artists at OHMS have been working on beautiful inspiration paintings with the help of Georges Seurat. George was an artist who created paintings by using tiny dots of color to create mood, texture and dimension. This technique is called pointillism. The students used this, in addition to scraping, sprinkling and sponging. The artists also worked on blending paint to create darks and lights to build 3D. Caroline Ganley and her painting are shown here.

Congratulations to Owen Maines for being awarded a Silver Key in this years Scholastic Art Awards. Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity and talent of our nation’s youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Owen’s piece was also selected for the special exhibit at the Everson Museum and will be on display from March 7 through April 5, 2020.

Mrs. Buell’s 7/8 band moonlighted as the school pep band at the annual Spirit Week Pep Rally in February. Students entertained staff and students with their version of Deep Purple’s Smoke on the Water and Pharrell’s Happy.
Math Team Places 3rd in County

Congratulations to the OHMS math team! On March 3, 2020, a team consisting of 8th graders competed against 15 other middle schools from Onondaga County. Representing OHMS were Myra Menon, Cade Caloia, Gianna Spasevski, Adriana Gross, and Caroline Menon. The team placed 3rd in the overall school competition. A special congratulations goes out to Cade Caloia who was ranked 2nd in the individual standings. Great job, team!

Record-Breaking Numbers

Have you noticed your 7th or 8th grade child reading more than usual? We here at OHMS have! At the end of the 2nd quarter, Mrs. Wight’s students have read a total of 988 books. That’s an average of 8.8 books per student. The students and staff at OHMS have checked out a total of 7,439 books this year, which is over 2,000 more books than this time last year! Staff members Desiree Wight and Penny Feeney believe that the key factors contributing to this amazing increase are time, choice and support.

Teacher Leadership Conference

On February 10, 2020, Mrs. Wight and Ms. Feeney presented at the 10th Annual Syracuse University Teacher Leadership Conference: Developing Teachers’ Collaboration Skills. At this conference, they shared the successful collaboration they have done this year to increase the number of books our students are reading. They hope to not only continue and expand their work at OHMS, but they also hope to share their success with other teachers, both within and outside of our District, in order to spread the joy and love of reading.

8th Grade Spanish Class

¡Hola! 8th grade Spanish students created a fun project in which they researched the clothing of a Spanish-speaking country. Students were also able to show off their artistic abilities by drawing people and labelling the clothing of that country. After completing the project, students visited various classes throughout the building from 5th to 8th grade. They spoke about the clothing of their country. Some topics included traditional vs. modern clothing, clothing for different holidays/events, school uniforms and formal clothing. They even taught their small group some Spanish. Students pronounced clothing and colors and also learned about the culture of a Spanish-speaking country too. It was a fantastic time for all!
January

5th Grade: Jake Jackson is a hard working student who displays integrity in all that he does. He is respectful and kind toward his teachers and his peers. Jake is great role model at OHMS.

6th Grade: Molly Ryan is a kind, respectful and hardworking student. She takes pride not only in her school work, but also in her character. Molly does not hesitate to help others and does so in a very positive way. Molly is an excellent role model!

7th Grade: Sophie Donegan always greets people with a cheerful smile and asks how their day is going. When class is over, she always encourages others to have a great day by saying something like “have a tremendous Tuesday”. Sophie is very thoughtful in her interactions with both peers and adults, and she strives to do her best on school assignments. Sophie is a great example to others, and demonstrates many of our P2 character traits.

8th Grade: Mia Stiner possesses many of our P2 Character Traits and exhibits them daily. She is a natural leader in the classroom showcasing her love of learning. Mia is a curious and enthusiastic learner who shows a great deal of compassion and kindness to her fellow students. She is quick to compliment and show genuine support for her peers. Her amazing sense of humor and never ending optimism are infectious. Mia brightens the halls of OHMS every day.

February

5th Grade: Mariusz Sobotka is a wonderful young man. He is a kind and responsible student that works well with others. It is a joy to see him enter the classroom every morning!

6th Grade: Ben Czaplicki exhibits many of the P2 character traits on a daily basis. He is kind, considerate and hardworking and always tries his best. He is an excellent role model.

7th Grade: Godwin Kodoe has been a wonderful addition to the OHMS family. He goes out of his way to be helpful in class and always has has a positive attitude. Godwin is very caring of his peers and will be the first person to greet any staff member and is extremely polite. He demonstrates the true characteristics of our P2 traits on a daily basis.

8th Grade: Cameron Lopez is a hard-working student who helps other people to do their best. He works well with both peers and adults because he is a good listener with a great sense of humor. Cam consistently shows how other people matter because he is willing to appreciate the good in others.
All County Music Honors

Every year, the Onondaga County Music Educators’ Association hosts a junior high music festival consisting of the finest seventh, eighth and ninth grade band choral and orchestra students in Onondaga County. Auditions are held in December to determine the strongest possible ensembles. The audition consists of performing scales from memory, two prepared pieces and a brief sight-reading example. The following OHMS students were selected to participate in this year’s Onondaga County Junior High All County Music Festival: Peyton Deno (French horn), Sydney MacBain (French horn), Grady Pens (trumpet), Lily Young (bass clarinet & voice), Phoebe Gumaer (bassoon), Connor Knohl (percussion), Alden Carroll (percussion), Cameron Lopez (trombone), Connor Keyes (tuba), Hannah Tjaden, Emily Rienhardt, Shamus Edlund, Elena Kleberg, Josh Dabbiero and Owen Mulholland (voice).

Robotics Club

For the second year, the OHMS Robotics Club competed in the VEX IQ Robotics Challenge. OHMS had two teams this year, the Irish Ducklings (Sean Finnerty, Nathan MacLachlan, Mak Kurgan, William Stiner and Zane Eldred) and the Klamm Clan (Jerry Klamm, Julian Metzgar, Elizabeth Mueller and Teddy Popp). They competed in five regional competitions and recently competed in the Northern New York States Championship competition. Both teams did extremely well, capturing a variety of trophies including first place, second place, third place as well as The VEX IQ Excellence and Judges awards at various competitions. The Klamm Clan took third place among 37 teams at this year’s NNYS Championship. This club is open to all 7th and 8th grade students at OHMS. Congratulations to all.
OHMS Honor Roll 2019–2020 Quarter 2

Grade 8 High Honor
Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Hasan
Borne, Gavin Reed
Caloia, Cade Anthony
Campanella, Jack Salvatore
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Cognato, Nina Grace
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton James
Dimovski, Sofia Maria
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Herrera, Elle Madison
Hogan, Jameson Patrick
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Knoll, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Korrie, Alexa
Lancette, Alison Taylor
Lopez, Cameron James
Mahar, Owen Michael
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Menon, Caroline Olivia
Menon, Myra Sophie
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth
O’Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Paetow, Emma
Pens, Grady Alwyn
Plochcki, Alexander Vercingetorix
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Sanborn, Kemetery Elizabeth
Smithers, Samuel Thomas
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stiner, Mia Stephanie
Stiner, William Patrick
Suddaby, Jackson William
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna Marie
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
Young, Isabel
Young, Liliana
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph
Zema, Rose Marie
Zollo, Lauren Marie

Grade 8 Honor
Altheblah, Ayesha
Amorese, Vincent Stefan
Battista, Megan Elizabeth
Brunson, Jason Benjamin
Burdick, Bryce Griffith
Carroll, Alden
Cassoni, Allyssa
Clary, Adam
Cottrell, Catherine Grace
Craven, Ryley
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
Dacko, Alexander Vladimir
Darling, Damon Lukas
DeSanto, Emma
Donadio, Olivia Caitlin
Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Etoll, Owen Charlie
Evans, Rachel Maffei
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Finnerty II, Sean P.
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Gacek, Chloe Genevieve
Gray, Gracelyn
Johnston, Brendan Augustine
Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kohanski, Morgan Emily
Kurgan, Michael Albert
Lasher, Ava Mary
Leonardo, Isabel Christine
MacLachlan, Nathan Willard
Madigan III, Michael Francis
Mahoney, Rosemary Elizabeth
Maines, Owen Daniel
Medeiros Jr., Steven John
Pettiford, Ni’Jhay Nichelle
Phillips, Marissa Anne
Ramsden-Tyler, Savannah Rose
Raner, Tyler James
Rashid, D’Mateo Amin
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth
Rivas-Velazquez, Nyleishka Aileen
Rogers, Kathleen Margaret
Saini, Danish
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Sherwood, Ryan Matthew
Small, Chloe Elizabeth
Smyth, Shay Thomas
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spencer, Taylor Anna
Stanton, Jane Catherine
Thomas, A’my Uday
Thornton, Ellie Grace
Van Epps, Jack Brendan
Walsh, Maggie
White, Azaria
Williams, Jaeden
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen

Grade 7 High Honor
Adams, Alexandre Malaya
Ajagbe, Oluwafeysike Oluwatofunmi
Antoine, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
Cowin, Timothy
Detor, Claire Ann
Dorfman, Molly Claire
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Hollowinski, Aubrey
Jetter, Siena
Klamm, Jeremiah James
LaReau, Abigail
MacBain, Sydney
Marshall, Emma
Mathews, Camryn Jaye
McGann, Julie
Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Pawelczyk, Ashley
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Ramsing, Cadence Marie
Rienhardt, Emily
Rosenberger, Kara
Sheridan, Riley
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Sierra, Namine Sarahembila
Sipley, Helena Eve
Sisack, Emyln
Stanton, Laura Rose
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Thabet, Ramzi
Valenti, Roman Paul
Valenti, Sophia Ann
### Grade 7 Honor
- Abdelfatah, Amana
- Abedrabbah, Razan
- Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
- Abraham, Sarah
- Agley, Lucas
- Allen, Tate
- Alt, Maille Mae
- Balduzzi, Emily
- Baty, Ava
- Burkett, Samantha
- Burns, Phoebe
- Cecile, Annabella
- Coss, Makaila
- Cusimano, Rocco Nicholas
- Donegan, Sophia
- Eldred, Zane
- Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
- Ferrer-Menendez, Emma Lira
- Gedney, Elianna Kathleen
- Getz, Austin William
- Goldman, Adyson
- Goral, Kaylee Ann
- Greenfield, River Holden
- Gregory, Chyla
- Griffin, Maxwell Sean
- Hayes V, Robert
- Heindel, Alexis Marie
- Heise, Morgan Lindsay
- Henesey, Luke
- Herring, Quinn
- Joyce, Camaryn
- Juman, Eli Stuart
- Kelly, Caleigh Grace
- Kelly, Kara
- Kimball, Lauren
- Kodee, Godwin
- Macko, Jacob
- Medeiros, Sydney
- Murphy, Emma
- O’Hern, Keller
- Pease, Jack Ryan
- Pendergast, Thomas
- Popp, Edward Thomas
- Robinson, Omar
- Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria
- Roesch, Elizabeth Rose
- Rose, Conor James
- Scheel, Nicholas
- Shenfield, Zoey Lynn
- Swierk, Ryan Francis
- Taylor, Emily
- Thabet, Sabri
- Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
- Vashchishin, Anna

### Grade 6 High Honor
- Aguayo, Isabella Amada
- Amidon, Aiden Christopher
- Amorese, Gabriel Paul
- Bezigan, Violet Claire
- Brudzinski III, John Francis
- Buell, Addison Ann
- Clark, Riley Paige
- Cowin, Maxwell Thomas
- Czaplicki, Benjamin Charles
- Dalton, Emily Grace
- Eckert, Anna Mary
- Ganley, Caroline Eloise
- Gilhooley, Brendan William
- Goode, Delaney Christa
- Goode, Hadley Martha
- Goodness, Jackson Edward
- Hayes, John Edward
- Holstein, Eric Vaughn
- Hunt, Thomas John
- Jackson, Anna May
- Kaczor, Stella Claire
- King, Kayleigh Joan
- Langham, Allison McKinlea
- Lopez, Collin Ramiro
- May, Ella
- Mondo, Andrew Jacob
- Napolitano, Stella Camille
- Olesh, Anita
- Pens, Kellen Shepherd
- Perry, Alexa Jordyn
- Pope, Sienna
- Prince, Elias
- Roach, Meara Jade
- Rudiger, Abigail Leyden
- Ryan, Molly Kathleen
- Sadowski, Andrew James
- Sainsbury, Ryan Edmund
- Scarfino, Dominic Francis
- Schmitz, Lily Marie
- Shephard, Madicine Lyn
- Snyder, Amie Helen
- Snyder, Meghan Elizabeth
- Sommer, Adele Kathryn
- Soule, Madelyn Rose
- Sparks, Olivia Michelle
- Swierk, Paige Marie
- Thompson, William Stewart
- Turner, Braelyn Elizabeth
- Valerino, Angelina Marie
- Vaughan, Margaret Colleen
- Ward, Alexis Veronica
- Wilbur, Jena Marie
- Wright, Reagan Cathryn

### Grade 6 Honor
- Alogaily, Sultan Abdulrahman
- Buckley, Grace Marie
- Burke, Kiley Reagan
- Campanella, Tyler David
- Carroll, Miles Alexander
- Carruthers, Adelynn Grace
- Cognato, John Michael
- Colon, Aaliyah
- Curtis, Fenris Takahiro
- D’Agostino, Elizabeth Mary
- Deng, Ellyana
- Downs, Blake Aaron
- Drumm-O’Brien, Emma Lynn
- Franco, Mason Richard
- Goodwin, Zachary James
- Gorman, Grace Mary
- Hayes, Selina Kathryn
- Hill, Jael Journey
- Hoffman, Sophia Rose
- Holleran, Liam Daniel
- Kincaid, Cormac James
- Kohanski, Adriana Julia
- Lippert, Lily Mae
- MacLachlan, Katherine Jane
- Maines, Aiden
- Mann, Mackenzie Elizabeth
- McKeon, Hunter Robert
- Militi, Eva Concetta
- Moran, Ashley
- Mullen, Eileen
- Nicoll, Hunter James
- Ortiz, Leila Susan
- Parry, Eleanor Rose
- Pellegrino, Brandon Michael
- Piel, Elijah Jayden
- Ramos, Carlos
- Rice, Lorenzo
- Richardson, Carter William
- Sainsbury, Claire Elizabeth
- Satalin, Erin Elizabeth
- Sierotnik, Christopher John Jr.
- Speer, Trinity
- Stephenson, Matthew
- Strom, Peter Edward
- Thabet, Layan Adam
- Thabet, Rudayna Nagib
- Tyszka, Alexander Raymond
- Wallace, Caleb David
- Winkler, Avery Catherine
- Young, Katherine Rose
Student-Musicians Receive All County Honors

Four WHS 9th grade music students were selected to the Onondaga County Music Educators’ Association Junior High All County festival ensembles and performed in these ensembles on January 24 and 25, 2020 at Solvay High School. Sean Stephenson (trumpet) performed in the Junior High All County Orchestra; Mary Snyder (piccolo) performed in the Junior High All County Concert Band; and Kenzie Caccamo and Carter Buckman performed in the Junior High All County Chorus.

WHS Europe Trip

By: Paige Agostini (and friends)

During February break, twenty-four French students (and a couple Spanish students!) traveled to Europe for an unforgettable adventure! We visited three countries (France, Belgium and the Netherlands) and seven cities (Paris, Brussels, Visé, Liège, Bruges, Waterloo and Maastricht) in eight days! There, we experienced the tourist side of Europe, as well as day-to-day life. We saw iconic sites such as the Eiffel Tower, The Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre in Paris, and Bruges, Waterloo and the Manneken Pis in Belgium. Each student also stayed with a penpal whom they have been in contact with for the past year in Visé, Belgium. We were able to attend school, visit local places and experience what life outside of the United States is like. Everyone practiced their language skills and took a step out of their comfort zone. Our farewell breakfast with the host families included speeches by the Mayor and Deputy Mayors of Visé! The memories made on this trip are truly endless, and the bond between friends, both local and international, have been strengthened so much. This once in a lifetime opportunity was such a pleasure for us, and it is something that we will cherish forever. We are all inspired to travel the world, to explore and to meet new people in the future. Stay tuned for the next French trip!
Westhill High School

Warriors of the Month

JANUARY

9th Grade: Julianne Bleskoski works very hard in class. She does not give up when a topic becomes too difficult. Instead she puts forth more effort until she grasps the concept. Jules is kind hearted. She goes out of her way to help others without hesitation. She goes above and beyond and is a true Westhill Warrior!

10th Grade: Abigail Adams is kind to everyone she encounters. She is always smiling and comes to class with a positive attitude. Abby works hard everyday and strives to do her very best.

11th Grade: Colin Walker is a positive student who always does the right thing. He is friendly to both students and faculty alike while also demonstrating a great sense of humor. Colin is a motivated and conscientious student who brings a positive energy to the Westhill community.

12th Grade: Meg Satalin is an awesome student who is not afraid to put in the effort needed to be successful. She works hard in class and clearly puts in the necessary effort outside of the classroom to be successful inside of it. On top of that, Meghan has a great personality that is evident as soon as she walks into a room. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help others when they need it. She has a good sense of humor and is not afraid to laugh. She has been a pleasure to have as a student and is a great representation of the Westhill student body.

FEBRUARY

9th Grade: Ben Cote always comes to class positive and ready to learn. His love of learning shows in the classroom on a daily basis. He also emphasizes the “other people matter” mindset by putting others above himself. He explains classwork to others and helps his peers in class. His kindness is apparent everyday in and out of the classroom. Keep it up, Ben!

10th Grade: Jonathan Pirong emphasizes many positive character traits. He displays kindness by saying hello to teachers and fellow students in the halls by name and asks about the well-being of others. He is dedicated to his studies and is willing to help others who need it in the classroom. Jon is a true Westhill Warrior!

11th Grade: Ian Shepard leads by example through the dedication he shows to his schoolwork and in the activities he participates in. As an Academic Decathlon member, he is a team player and he always considers other people’s opinions before voicing his own. He is kind to everyone he meets, and he is able to collaborate well with every student during group activities. Ian is a loyal friend and makes positive contributions to our school community. Congratulations, Ian!

12th Grade: Katherine Evans has shown what the Other People Matter mindset means in action. When she is not sure what to do in a new social situation, she defaults to kindness. She includes everyone, she is open-minded to other people’s perspectives and in doing so shows excellent leadership to her peers. Katherine epitomizes the “other people matter” mindset because she shows compassion and puts others before her own needs. She is undaunted by setbacks and reacts to difficult situations with humor and grace.
# WHS Honor Roll 2019-2020 Quarter 2

## Grade 12
- Aboushanab, Amal
- Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo
- Alm, Faisal
- Amaya, Adam Anthony
- Amidon-Crawford, Dylan
- Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth
- Bistrovich, Nikolas John
- Boatman, Dallas Isaiah
- Bradley, Jackson Thomas
- Broader, Maeve Caitlin
- Bryant, Rusden Patrick
- Camardella, Angelina Maria
- Carroll, Mikayla Noelle
- Centore, Andrew Michael
- Coman, Thomas Kevin
- Crimi, Roman Joseph
- Criollo, Henry
- Cronin, Abigail Lynn
- Cundall, Geoffrey Robert
- Daniul, Jacob Rae
- Davis, William Machold-Sheldon
- Derrick, Chelsea Lynn
- Dillon, Rachel Terese
- Domanski, Alyssa Rose
- Durand, Ryan Jay
- Falcone, Stephanie Marie
- Ferrara, Michael Patrick
- Fountain, Spencer Francis
- Fricano, Jacob Steven
- Fricano, Nathan Lawrence
- Frost, Sophia Ilene
- Geiger, Alyiah Mae
- Gere, Jenna
- Gibson, Mary Louise
- Gilhooley, Rebecca Sue
- Grabda, Christopher Cosselman
- Hagman, Kyle Evan
- Heffernan, Ashley Nicole
- Helfield, Benjamin L.
- Herrera, Michael R
- Holstein, Lauren Elizabeth
- Hubert, Anne Martha
- Hunt, Margaret Fitzgi
- Hunter, William Daniel
- Kelly, Kevin Allen
- Kinney, Garvin Thomas
- Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn
- Lasher, Julia Estelle
- Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob
- Lesselroth, Grace Ann
- Lyons, Allison Mary
- MacBain, Scott Matthew
- Mahaney, Payton Virginia
- Mahoney, Alice Margaret
- Mannion, Quinn Patricia
- Masterpole, Ellie May
- McIntyre, Caitlyn Kirkpatrick
- McMahon, Grace Helen
- McQueeny, Aline Nicole
- Miggiani, Josiah Ethan
- O’Hearn, Trevor Daniel
- O’Reilly, Emily Brennon
- Peck, Colton Skyler
- Redmond, Megan Alanna
- Remillard, Will Clemo
- Richmond, Kaley Ann
- Ricks, Janae Michelle
- Savage, Michael Patrick
- Schwartz, Sarah Catherine
- Sexton, Brianna Odell
- Sheridan, Hannah Riley
- Stamey, Thomas Robert
- Sullivan, Molly Grace
- Thayer, Christopher Gerald
- Thomas, Mya Tyne
- Valenti, Izabella Rose
- Valerino, Giovanni James
- Wheelden, Madelyn Elizabeth
- Wicks, Jillian Olivia
- Madigan, Emily Drew
- Malone, Cristian Michael
- Markham, Ella Marie
- McMahon, Maggie Rose
- McPeak, Katherine Anne
- Mechowski, Emma Kelly
- Niegabytowski, Cameron Scott
- Nowicki, Kylie Sierra
- Powers, Jackson Lewis
- Richardson, Morgan Anne
- Robb, Ava Kathleen
- Robbins, Makenna Elise
- Rubino, Christian James
- Ryan, Maeve Janice
- Shanahan, Madison Reilly
- Speicher, Cael
- Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
- Thomas, Madison Alexis
- Thomas, Myshaun Myron
- VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey
- Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
- Wieszalis, Amanda Kelly
- Wilsch, Mairread Norine
- Wisner, Taryn Anne
- Yeates, Jack William
- Zawadzki, Jake Evan

## Grade 11
- Agostini, Paige Elizabeth
- Alam, Nailah
- Ascioti, Cali Mae
- Banga, Harshdeep Singh
- Bealer, Madison Jean
- Bergett, Luke Jeffrey
- Blessey, Emma Margaret
- Bobbett, Jack Stewart
- Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen
- Caputo, Kwinn Nicholas
- Caron, Sophia Terese
- Centore, Henry Joseph
- Clayton, Kyle Thomas
- Conley, Meghan Elizabeth
- Cote, Mary Lily
- Curley, Raeann Brooke
- Dickinson-Cominolli, Isabel Eve
- Dorfman, Cassie Grace
- Felter, Tess Elizabeth
- Graves, Kelsey Leann
- Grooms, Griffin Richard
- Hunt, James Edward
- King, Benjamin John
- Langdon, Sophie
- LaPanne, Katherine Grace
- Lougen, Justin James
- Madigan, Emily Drew
- Malone, Cristian Michael
- Markham, Ella Marie
- McMahon, Maggie Rose
- McPeak, Katherine Anne
- Mechowski, Emma Kelly
- Niegabytowski, Cameron Scott
- Nowicki, Kylie Sierra
- Powers, Jackson Lewis
- Richardson, Morgan Anne
- Robb, Ava Kathleen
- Robbins, Makenna Elise
- Rubino, Christian James
- Ryan, Maeve Janice
- Shanahan, Madison Reilly
- Speicher, Cael
- Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
- Thomas, Madison Alexis
- Thomas, Myshaun Myron
- VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey
- Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
- Wieszalis, Amanda Kelly
- Wilsch, Mairread Norine
- Wisner, Taryn Anne
- Yeates, Jack William
- Zawadzki, Jake Evan

## Grade 10
- Adams, Abigail Katherine
- Adams, Alanna Michelle
- Allen, Brian Alexander
- Argentieri, Francesca Eade
- Balduzzi, Sarah Marie
- Battista, Kaylin Amanda
- Burket, Travis Michael
- Cardoso, Isabella Grace
- Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey
- Carrock, Daniel Peter
- Carroll, Delaney Rose
- Case, Amanda Mary
- Centore, Sofia Grace
- Colucci, Rachel
- Cook, Molly Katherine
- Czyz, Sean
- Douglas, Jayson Alexander
- Dowd, Katherine Patricia
- Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie
- Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
- Elias, Angelina Rose
- Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
- Fountain, Kendall Marie
- Gangemi, Emily Jo
- Gorman, Emma Kathryn
- Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
- Greens, Benjamin Robert
WHS Honor Roll 2019–2020 Quarter 2

Grade 10 continued
Grooms, Riley Kathryn
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Herrera, Mia Pilar
Hunter, Claire Terese
Johnson, Luke Patrick
Johnston, Hannah Rose
Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony
Kilaru, Narmada Sai
Kirkby Jr., Rodney
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Walker, Delaney Jean
Williams, Za’Myaa Arie
Young, Devin Thomas

The Mega Ticket

This year, the senior class started a new tradition, “The Mega Ticket”. This series of events was designed to build more class unity, have fun and create more positivity throughout the class. From fright nights, to skating at Clinton Square to snow tubing, it was a success. The class of 2020 hopes this tradition continues.
On Monday, February 3, 2020, two Westhill seniors signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and athletic career at the Division I and II levels. Ryan Murphy signed to play lacrosse at Division I, Wagner College. Ryan is a three-sport athlete earning varsity letters in soccer, indoor track and field and lacrosse. Liz Kessler signed her NLI with the Division II Bears of Lenoir-Rhyne University where she will participate on the cross country and track and field teams. Liz is a varsity letter winner in cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. The NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student athlete and an NLI member institution. The institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid and the student athlete agrees to attend the institution full time for one academic year.

King Recognized by CNY National Football Foundation

On January 26, 2020, at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, the Central New York Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honored senior, Adam King. Adam, a wide receiver, linebacker, safety and defensive end for the Warriors was awarded a five-hundred-dollar scholarship for his academic and athletic accomplishments throughout his football career. Congratulations, Adam!
Westhill High School

Scholastic Art Awards

Students from the high school recently competed in the Scholastics Art Competition. Students grades 7-12 enter artwork to be judged by a jury of working artists, retired art teachers and past winners from the Central New York area. Artwork is judged based on originality, technical skill, personal voice and vision. Students winning Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention awards were celebrated with an awards ceremony at the SRC Arena at OCC, as well as an exhibit of their artwork on display at OCC for the month of February.

Congratulations to Gold Key winner, Sophia Frost for her piece Her II; Silver Key winners Maeve Broader and Brianna Danboise, and Honorable Mention winners Morgan Bealer, Jake Daniul, Luck Johnson, Colton Peck and Natalia Pecheny.

Pictured is Sophia Frost’s, Her II Gold Key

Semi-Formal

On January 24, 2020, the high school held a winter themed semi-formal dance. Students arrived at 7:00 p.m. dressed in their semi formal attire to enjoy a night of dancing, pizza and fun. This dance, put on by the Westhill High School Student Council, took place in the school’s gymnasium, as officers and fellow students helped deck out the area with its Winter Wonderland theme. The new selfie station ended up to be a huge hit and will hopefully serve for future dances as well. Overall, the dance was a great night, and we hope to be able to put on many more in upcoming years!

Words of Encouragement

As part of a P2 Advisory Activity, WHS students took time to send words of encouragement to Julie Tennant, who recently suffered from a stroke. Julie, a former WHS Diversity Day presenter, represented Gigi’s Playhouse (an organization that offers support to families with children impacted by Down’s Syndrome) along with her own personal organization “The Love Chromosome”, which aims to inform and empower those that are “differently abled”. She was overwhelmed by the Warrior Love! #otherpeoplematter. To learn more about volunteer opportunities available in our region and Julie’s mission please visit: https://gigisplayhouse.org/syracuse/ and http://www.thelovechromosome.com/.
Winter Athletic News

This winter, the boys’ ice hockey team captured their third consecutive Section III Championship. Westhill was represented on the Syracuse Cougars team by Ryan Durand, Owen Etoll, Rodney Kirkby, Michael Madigan, Liam Mahar, Sam Militello, Ethan Petty and Conor Rose.

The girl’s indoor track and field team also captured a Section III Title. At the Section III State Qualifier Meet, sophomore Angie Mesa-Espinosa, running mainly against seniors, ran the 4th fastest time in the Section III season. As a result, Angie earned a spot in the New York State Championships held in Staten Island. Angie went on to become a NYS Champion in the Distance Intersectional Medley Relay.

The boys indoor track and field team also was successful in the NY State Qualifier meet. Jacob Fricano, Brian Kenny, Brandon Mulholland and Mike Ferrara earned a position in the New York State meet with their school record-breaking time of 8:20.06. Vincent Tarolli, swimming with Syracuse City, earned himself a spot in the New York State Championship Meet with his qualifying times in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle races.

Congratulations to all our winter athletic teams on another successful season!

Musicians Perform at Area All-State

At the end of January, 25 WHS student-musicians represented the Westhill music department in the Zone 3 Area All-State Music Festival at Ithaca College. Lauren Bendall, Alexandra Dubaniewicz, Sarah Schwartz and Magnolia Wilkinson performed with the treble chorus; Sofia Benderski, Dominick Carfagno, Geoff Cundall, Nate Juman, Ethan Petty, Kaley Richmond, Sophia Rubino, Thomas Stamey and Andrea Vigniotti performed with the mixed chorus; Will Bradley (trumpet), Isa Cardoso (clarinet), Raeann Curley (clarinet), Jacob Fricano (alto saxophone), Bella Jones (clarinet) and Allison Lyons (clarinet) performed with the symphonic band; and Angelo Carr (trombone), Grace Lesselroth (piccolo), Emily O’Reilly (French horn), Brianna Sexton (flute) and Colin Walker (bassoon) performed with the orchestra. Noah Rewakowski (percussion) performed with both the symphonic band and orchestra. These students were selected to Area All-State because of their outstanding Spring 2019 NYSSMA solo grades; our musicians performed with other top student-musicians from Cayuga, Cortland, Tompkins, Tioga, Broome and Onondaga Counties.
District News

WPS Introduction to Kindergarten Summer Camp 2019

This week is designed to let your incoming kindergartener get to know their new school. Students will have the opportunity to visit the gym, library, music and art rooms and the cafeteria, as well as meet their new principal. Students will be exploring materials, participating in creative play, listening to stories, but most importantly, developing a familiarity with their new school.

**Who:** Students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2020

**When:** July 13-16 (4 days) (Please choose only one session to attend below)

*Week 1/Session 1: 8:30 am -10:00 am
*Week 1/Session 2: 10:30 am -12:00 pm

**Where:** Walberta Park School

**Instructors:** Mrs. Vercillo and Ms. Casazza

**Cost:** $80 per student. Cash or checks only. No credit card payments.

*Please note that class size is limited to the first 16 students, so please register early to reserve your spot. Registration closes on June 29. Confirmation emails will be sent the week of July 6. Please fill out the form below and mail with payment to: Introduction to Kindergarten Summer Camp, Attn: Dawn Casazza, Walberta Park School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse, NY 13219

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**Please fill out the form below and mail with payment to:**

**Introduction to Kindergarten Summer Camp, Attn: Dawn Casazza, Walberta Park School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse, NY 13219**

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Child's Name_______________________________________    Parent's name_______________________________________

Phone  #___________________   Email ______________________________________________________________________

Please circle which session your child will be attending:

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WPS Reading Camp Summer 2020

Don’t let that summer slump happen. Jumpstart your child’s summer with our reading camp. Your child has worked so hard all year. Give your child the opportunity to come and have fun with us by reading and listening to a variety of genres such as poetry, reader’s theater and other fun summer literature. Our goal is to increase your child’s desire to read over the summer.

**When:** July 13-16 (4 days) - 12:30-2:00 pm

**Who:** Students entering 1st or 2nd grade in the fall of 2020

**Where:** Walberta Park School

**Instructors:** Mrs. Vercillo and Ms. Casazza

**Cost:** $80 per student. Cash or checks only. No credit card payments. Please make all checks payable to the Westhill Booster Club, Inc.

*Please note that class size is limited to the first 15 students, so please register early to reserve your spot. Registration closes on June 29. Confirmation emails will be sent the week of July 6.

Please fill out the form below and mail with payment to:

**Summer Reading Camp for 1st/2nd graders, Attn: Dawn Casazza, Walberta Park School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse, NY 13219**

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Reading Camp for 1st/2nd graders

**July 13-16 (4 days) - 12:30-2:00 pm**

Child’s Name_______________________________________    Parent’s name_______________________________________

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GRANT WINNERS

This year’s crop of grant awards from the Westhill Educational Foundation contains a first for both the foundation and the district: the foundation’s biggest grant to date will fund a brand new course at the high school.

A $15,000 grant for Westhill High School will launch a new Audio and Video Production program at the school with the addition of a class in Audio Engineering Arts. The new program is an extension of an Audio and Video Production club started by music teacher Corey Riley, who wrote the grant. The money will fund new equipment and state-of-the-art technology, which will also be used to record concerts and performances in high definition. Those recordings can then be used to assist in teaching and critiquing performances. The AV grant tops the list of 11 grants that total almost $35,000 in funding.

This is the sixth round of grants awarded by the Foundation since its inception in 2014. In total, the foundation has awarded more than 90 grants totaling more than $180,000. “Every year, we are overwhelmed with the outstanding ideas and innovative projects our teachers and staff come up with, and this year was no exception,” said foundation president Chris Centore. “Some of these are repeats based on how successful these programs have been, while other new submissions promote creative ways to use technology, the arts and more for innovative learning.”

This rest of this year’s winning grants are:

Walberta Park Elementary School:
1. Bricks 4 Kidz (First and second grade teams)
   Bricks 4 Kidz will supplement the STEM curriculum using physics and space modules. The students will learn science, technology, engineering and math concepts along with problem-solving and team-building skills through creative play with Legos.
2. It’s the Little Things (WPS Principal Beth Kramer)
   This program will be presented by musician John Farrell to support the Positivity Project with songs that focus on character building and character strengths.
3. Bluebird Music Together (Beth Kramer)
   Bluebird Music Together will bring accomplished musicians into all Walberta Park classrooms to conduct a rhythm class incorporating music, movement and instruments.
4. Playground Communication Station (WPS speech pathologist Monica Willsey)
   This grant will fund construction of a weather-resistant communication board on the WPS playground. It includes universal communication symbols to help nonverbal or anxious students, or any other students having difficulty communicating their needs.
5. The Wild (Beth Kramer)
   The Wild Animal Park in Chittenango will bring live animals to all students at Walberta to conduct class presentations offering hands-on experience and interaction with wildlife.

Cherry Road Elementary School:
6. Dancin’ with the Honeybees (Second grade teacher Julie Dennis)
   Cliff Wright-Sunflower, master beekeeper, environmental educator, story-teller and performer, will bring the scientific magic of the honeybee hive to life for second grade students. He will visit the school for an assembly and several workshops.

Onondaga Hill Middle School:
7. Insights and Inspirations (Joint project between the library, art and English departments)
   The middle school will host Jennifer A. Nielsen, author of a number of popular books for teens, including the “Ascendance” trilogy. In addition to building-wide activities that include reading and writing seminars and an art project, this year’s event will also include dinner with the author for a select few students at the OFPL.
8. P2 Mural (Art teacher Maggie Feyerabend)
   All fifth-grade students will design and create a ceramic mural demonstrating the 24 character traits of the Positivity Project. The mural will remain on permanent display.
9. Passport to the Impossible (Sixth-grade teacher Karla Prince)
   Through the use of virtual reality equipment, students in all grades will have the opportunity to explore different parts of the world, using the Google Expeditions app.
WEF & District Calendar

Cherry Road School, Onondaga Hill Middle School and Westhill High School:

10. Westhill Day of Jazz (Music teachers Elizabeth Buell, Corey Riley and Erin Tapia)

Continuing one of our most successful programs, this year the “Day of Jazz” will welcome Huntertones, a world-class Brooklyn-based jazz and funk fusion band that will spend the day with our students. The day includes performances for students in grades 2 through 8 and then break-out master class sessions for all jazz students in grades 7 through 12. The event will be capped off by the 42nd annual Westhill Senior Citizens Dinner and Concert, which features numbers by the various Westhill jazz bands and a final set performed by Huntertones.

On Saturday, May 2, 2020, the Foundation will host the “Westhill 60th Anniversary Celebration” at St. Ann’s Church, in honor of the district’s 60th anniversary. Tickets are available at https://www.westhillfoundation.com/2020-chip-in-for-education-fundraiser/.

The Foundation is an official non-for-profit organization that raises funds to help support innovative learning experiences for all Westhill Central School District students. For more detailed information on the grants please like us on Facebook, visit www.westhillfoundation.com or email us at westhillfoundation@gmail.com.

Official School Calendar 2020 - 2021

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2020-2021

Budget Information

March 23, 2020 ..........School Budget Information Session in the WHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm
April 20, 2020 ..........Tentative date for 2020-2021 budget adoption
April 20, 2020 ..........Board of Education candidate petitions due in the District Office
April 21, 2020 ..........Absentee Ballot applications available in the District Office
May 8, 2020 ..........Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot Application be sent by mail
May 12, 2020 ..........Public Budget Hearing in the WHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm
May 12, 2020 ..........Deadline to return completed Absentee Ballot Application by 5:00 pm
May 19, 2020 ..........Budget Vote/Board of Education Election in WHS Auditorium Foyer from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm

As stipulated by NYS Law, the following qualifications MUST be met, without exception, in order to cast a vote:

1. You MUST be a citizen of the United States.
2. You MUST be at least 18 years of age.
3. You MUST be a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 19, 2020.