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### **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, Tahjiar 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!





# Walberta Park School

### Celebrating Martin Luther King Students Visit Senior Center

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!



# 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.



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

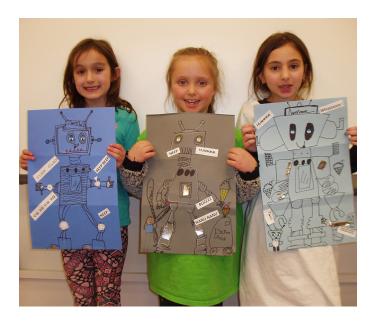
On March 6, 2020, WPS students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday as a part of the Read Around the Planet day. Students moved to different classes in the building and read Dr. Seuss books. They then had fun participating in different rhyming activities in honor of the format that Dr. Seuss most frequently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



# **Cherry Road School**

### **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.





### **Art Room Happenings**

The fifth graders in Mrs. Feyerabend's art classes have been creating selfportraits. 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.



# Silver Key In Art

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.



# **Spirit Week Pep Rally**

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 of 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!







### Students of the Month

#### **January**

<u>5th Grade</u>: 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**

<u>5th Grade</u>: 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!

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

<u>8th Grade</u>: 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 years 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 Gross, Adriana Jane Herrera, Elle Madison Hogan, Jameson Patrick Johnson, Isabella Marie

Kleberg IV, David Dean

Knohl, Caitlyn Frances

Knohl, Connor Anthony

Kleberg, Elena Rose

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 Plochocki, Alexander Vercingetorix

Robbins, Regan Elisabeth Roth, Helaina Elizabeth Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose Sanborn, Kemery 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 Clarry, 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

Grav. 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'Jhav Nichelle Phillips, Marissa Anne

Ramsden-Tyler, Savannah Rose

Raner, Tyler James Rashid, D'Mateo Amin Rewakowski, Mary Katherine Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth

Rivas-Velazguez, 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, Jaedan Wilsch, Emma Kathleen

Grade 7 High Honor

Adams, Alexandra Malaya Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike 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 Holowinski, Aubrey letter, 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 Sarahembla

Sipley, Helena Eve Sisack, Emlyn Stanton, Laura Rose Starowicz, Avery Grace Tarolli, Evangelina Grace

Thabet, Ramzi Valenti, Roman Paul Valenti, Sophia Ann

# OHMS Honor Roll 2019-2020 Quarter 2

#### **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, Ellianna 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 Kodoe, 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

Shenfeld, 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 Bezigian, Violet Claire Bruzdzinski 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, Ellvana 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 lames 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.

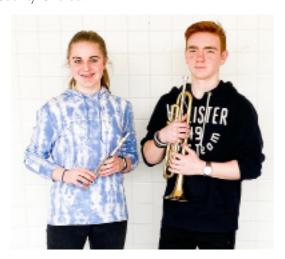
Speer, Trinity

Stephenson, Matthew Stroman, Peter Edward Thabet, Layal 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.



Twenty-two WHS music students were selected to the Onondaga County Music Educators' Association Senior High All County festival ensembles (grades 10-12) and performed in these ensembles on January 10 and 11, 2020 at West Genesee High School. Congratulations to Senior High All County Orchestra musicians Grace Lesselroth (piccolo), Emily Madigan (French horn), Emily O'Reilly (French horn), Will Bradley (trumpet) and Noah Rewakowski (percussion); Senior High All County Band musicians Brianna Sexton (flute), Colin Walker (bassoon), Isa Cardoso (clarinet), Raeann Curley (clarinet), Allison Lyons (contrabass clarinet), Jacob Fricano (alto saxophone), Josiah Miggiani (tenor saxophone), Rachel Colucci (trumpet), Angelo Carr (trombone); and Senior High All County Chorus musicians Alexandra Dubaniewicz, Andrea Vigliotti, Nate Juman, Jordan Scheirer, Dominick Carfagno, Geoff Cundall, Ryan Grossman and Thomas Stamey. These students were selected from hundreds of auditioning musicians from all across Onondaga County.



# 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 Tour, 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!



### Warriors of the Month

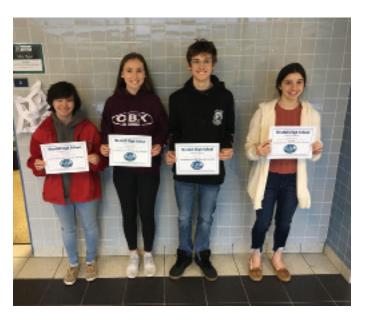
#### **JANUARY**

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!

<u>10th Grade</u>: 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!

<u>10th Grade</u>: 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.



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#### Grade 12

Aboushanab, Amal Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo Alam, Faisal Amaya, Adam Anthony Amidon-Crawford, Dylan Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth Bistrovich, Nikolas John Boatman, Dallas Isiah 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 Cosselmon Hagrman, Kyle Evan Heffernan, Ashley Nicole Helfeld, 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 McQueeney, Aline Nicole Miggiani, Josiah Ethan O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel O'Reilly, Emily Brennon Peck, Colton Skyler Redmond, Megan Alanna Remillard, Will Clemo Richmond, Kalev Ann Ricks, Janae Michelle Sanborn, Liam Joseph Satalin, Meghan Teresa 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

#### Grade 11

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth Alam, Nailah Ascioti, Cali Mae Banga, Harshdeep Singh Bealer, Madison Jean Bergett, Luke Jeffrey Blossey, 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 LaParne, Katherine Grace Lougen, Justin James

Madigan, Emily Drew Malone, Cristian Michael Markham, Ella Marie McMahon, Maggie Rose McPeak, Katherine Anne Mechowski, Emma Kelly Niezabytowski, Cameron Scott Nowicki, Kylie Sierra Powers, Jackson Lewis Richardson, Morgan Anne Robb, Ava Kathleen Robbins, Makenna Elise Rubino, Christian Iames Ryan, Maeve Janice Shanahan, Madison Reilly Speicher, Cael Tarolli, Vincent Matthew Thomas, Madison Alexis Thomas, Myshaun Myron VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly Wilsch, Mairead 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 Burkett, 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 Greeson, Benjamin Robert

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#### 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 Knoll, Charles James Loose, Kassidy Rae Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth MacCaull, Kyle Matthew Mahar, Liam Patrick Mahoney, Patrick Bernard Mannion, Brady O'Brien Mathews, Alvin McGlynn, Ella Marie McMahon, Clare Caitlin McQueeney, Julia Noel Metzgar, Quinton Khan Miggiani, Abigail Chloe Milham, Julia Pauline Mulholland, Brandon Michael O'Hearn, Kyleigh Elizabeth Ostuni, Jordyn Rae Patrie, Colleen Theresa Pecheny, Natalia Pelsue, Matthew Thomas Pens, Quinn Maria Phillips, Robert Rewakowski, Noah Daniel Rosati, Marisa Olivia Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph Russell, Julia Marie Sampo, Isabella Grace Satalin, John Ryan Starowicz, Hannah Louise Thabet, Amin Thomas, Ben Sener Thornton, Bridget Ann

Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn Townsend, Michael David Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth Winkler, Grace Breason Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

#### Grade 9

Abdelfatah, Gisele Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore Oluwatomisin Angell, Jane Marie Antoine, Olivia Maive Bealer, Morgan Sierra Bendall, Katherine Jill Bergett, Alexis Rose Bistrovich, Sydney Elise Bleskoski, Julianne Terese Bolesh, Ashley Susan Brzostowski, Mikayla Rose Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin Carter, Ashley Knobel Centore, Bohdan Patrick Clos, Mallory Margarete Colon, Gisselle Anais Cominolli, Nathaniel Dominick Conley, Shannon Marie Cottrell, Abigail Mae Curtis, Julian Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine Derrick, James Robert Donadio, Alexandra Elizabeth Donegan, Ryan Flaherty Donnelly, Nathan Patrick Feliu, Kaelin Grace Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy Gilhooley, Rachel Louise Gilmartin, Luke Gonnella, Olivia Goode, Aidan William Graf, Simon Michael Heise, Mackenzie Grace Holowinski, Olivia Marie Horner, Lizzie Hynes, Lee Michael

Kelly, McKenna Eileen Kerr, Aiden Jay Kinsella, Lilvanna Klamm, Domenica Marie LoFaro, Nicole Lowery, Adelaide Margaret Lubel, Margaret Anna Markham, Iris Mary McGann, Karlie Elizabeth McKeon, Madison Rose McQueeney, Lia Clare Militello, Samuel Militi, Vittoria Nicoll, Baillie Nowicki, Justin Jacob Ortiz, Manuel Osorio, Anthony Pawelczyk, Amanda Polcaro, Elizabeth Popp, Abigail Popp, Keara Elizabeth Robinson, Janiah Jada Rogers, Sean Patrick Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth Rosenberger, Anna Kerr Roth, Charlotte Ryan, Aidan Christopher Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose Sisson, Caitlin Kelly Snyder, Mary Katherine Sondej, Andrew Starowicz, Emmet Stephenson, Sean Michael Stiner, Lucas Marcos Taber, Bradyn Shea Thabet, Ilham Valenza, Zachary Daniel Vaughan, Abbey Walker, Delaney Jean Williams, Za'Myaa Arie Young, Devin Thomas

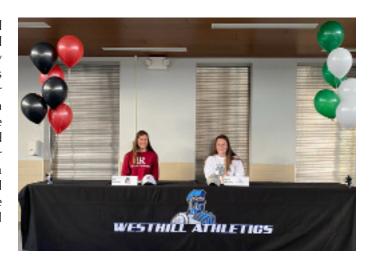
# The Mega Ticket

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.



### **National Letters of Intent Signees**

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.



### Winter Teams Earn NYSPHAA 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 90.00. If a team does not meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90.00 or above GPA are considered an Individual Scholar-Athlete.

This winter Westhill had a total of five (girls' indoor track and field, boys' indoor track and field, boys' basketball, girls' basketball and hockey) out of five winter varsity teams earning the team honor (75% of team greater than a 90% average). We had 113 varsity athletes participating in the winter sports program. Out of this 113, 77 earned a 90% or greater average for the 2nd quarter (68% earned greater or equal to 90%).

Westhill student athletes are committed in the classroom and on the athletic fields and courts. Congratulations winter athletes on your successes in the classroom!

# 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!



### **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 Vigliotti 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's name Phone # Email Please circle which session your child will be attending: Week 1/Session 1 Week 1/Session 2 \*8:30 am -10 am \*10:30 am -12 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 Reading Camp for 1st/2nd graders July 13-16 (4 days) - 12:30-2:00 pm 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

Westhill Central School District

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September 8	First Day of School
October 12	Columbus Day
November 3	Staff Development Day
November 11	Veterans Day Observed
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January 18	Martin Luther King Day
January 26-29	Regents Exams
February 15-19 Pre	sidents' Day/Vinter Recess
March 15	Staff Development Day
March 29-April 2	Spring Recess
May 28	Memorial Day Weekend
May 31	Memorial Day
June 16-24	Regents Exams
June 25Regents Ra	ting Day/Last Day of School

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# **DISTRICT NEWS**

# 2020-2021 Budget Information

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

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