

IDEAS CLUB KICK-OFF AT CHERRY ROAD

In the month of October, IDEAS (Inclusion Diversity Equity Afterschool) kicked off officially at Cherry Road! The L.I.T.'s (Leaders In Training) were excited to learn about different cultures and groups. For the month of October, IDEAS club focused on celebrating Hispanic heritage. The students participated in a scavenger hunt looking for influential Hispanic Americans, learned how to salsa, and tried some yummy Hispanic candy and snacks. We discussed what IDEAS meant and why it was created. We also wrote in our journals about what kinds of diversity we see in our family.





Holíday Recess

Friday, December 22nd -Monday, January 1st



## Walberta Park School

### Cooking Up Fun and Learning

Kindergarteners have been working hard to learn letter names and sounds. As part of our letter H study, Mrs. Merritt's class had a hot dog and hamburger stand (dramatic play). Students enjoyed taking orders and "cooking" for peers and the numerous staff members from around the district!



#### Syracuse Stage Visits WPS

Walberta Park School students were delighted by an adapted presentation of Red Riding Hood, performed by Syracuse Stage-Theatre for the Very Young. Students were treated to a live theater performance with stage sets, music and sound effects. Pictured below are Salma Mahmoud as Wolfgang and Charlotte Pontarelli as the Delivery Person.



#### Halloween Parade at Walberta Park

Kindergarten and 1st Grade students had a parade to celebrate Halloween. Students and staff were decked out in fabulous costumes! Pictured below is Ms. Krzykowski's kindergarten class: (from right to left) Ben W, JJ P, Bennett J, Ms. K, Greysen S, Alex B, Preston W, Aden R, Sienna M and Connor P. Mr. Dunham and Mr. Chapman joined in the fun as well!





## Walberta Park School

### Yogakids at Walberta Park

The Site-Based Team at Walberta Park was pleased to offer YogaKids classes this fall. Trista Phillipson from "Little Yogis by Trista" provided weekly sessions for kindergarten and first grade students. The yoga classes helped the children to focus on mindfulness, coordination, flexibility, and calmness. What a wonderful way to start the day!



#### Native American Heritage Month

Westhill High School students came to Walberta to share a story about Native American Heritage Month. The kindergarten and first grade students loved learning from the high school students! They had great conversations together and even learned a Native American Jingle Dance!



## Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools

### Tree Planting at Cherry Road

Students from Mrs. Jackson's 3rd grade class, in cooperation with WEST, the Westvale Neighborhood Association, and the Cornell cooperative extension, participated in a tree planting at Cherry Road. Students learned about Arbour day and were able to help plant a tree on the field. We are hoping to make this a yearly event, eventually lining the length of the field along Maple Road with Red Maple Trees.



### Learning about Weather

To kick off the Weather and Climate unit in science, third graders had a special visit from Meteorologist Kate Thornton from News Channel 9. She told them how she predicts the weather, how storms are created, and showed them a few weather-related experiments!



### Native American Storyteller Visits Walberta Park and Cherry Road

Native American storyteller, Perry Ground, visited Walberta Park and Cherry Road Schools and shared traditional stories from the Haudenosaunee people of the CNY region. Perry Ground's performance was both entertaining and informative. Students were actively engaged as Mr. Ground told a story of a hungry bear. Perry Ground's performance was organized by K-4 Librarians Aneisa Linton and Karin Backus, and was generously funded through Arts-In-Education and WEST. WPS students pictured below were able to act out the story (from left to right): PJ M, Romi S, Triton H, Tony T, Lyla F, Lilly R, Ben K, Esrael F.



### General Music Bucket Drumming

In 5th grade, students are being introduced to the exciting world of bucket drumming! This hands-on activity will allow them to explore rhythm and percussion in a fun and engaging way. Students will learn how to create different beats and rhythms using buckets, drumsticks, and their voices. They will also have the opportunity to play along with some popular music favorites!



### **Adapted Sports**

Students in grades K-12 participated in the Syracuse Adapted Sports Clinic at Jones Road in late October. This was held as a follow-up to the Empire State Games and provided new and returning athletes with the opportunity to participate in some fun activities and events. Congratulations to all Westhill students who participated and thank you to the staff who made it possible.



#### **Musical Journey**

In 6th grade, students are continuing their musical journey by learning the guitar. The guitar is a versatile instrument that can be used to play a wide variety of music, from classical to rock to jazz. Students will learn the basics of guitar playing, including how to hold the instrument, how to tune the strings, and how to play simple chords and melodies. They will also have the opportunity to learn about different guitar techniques, such as strumming, picking, and fingerstyle playing.



#### Karaoke Club

Our Karaoke Club is in full swing! 5th and 6th grade chorus students are taking turns choosing songs to perform for their peers. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and the club is proving to be a happy experience for all involved! The club is a great way for students to develop their confidence and stage presence. It is also a fun and social activity that allows students to connect with their peers! We are so proud of our students for their hard work and dedication. They are all true stars!



### Onondaga Hill Middle School Musical Announced!

We are excited to announce that our annual 7th and 8th grade musical will be High School Musical 2 Jr.! This year's show will be performed on Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th.

Auditions for the musical will be held the second full week of school in January. Audition information will be available to students in December. We are looking for students who are passionate about singing, dancing, and acting and who want to have fun working with their peers! No experience is necessary. We encourage all interested 7th and 8th students to audition!

High School Musical 2 Jr. is a delightful sequel to the smash hit Disney Channel Original Movie. The story follows the Wildcats as they return to Camp Lava Springs for a summer of fun, adventure, and romance.

#### Show Dates: Friday, April 5th at 7:00 PM Saturday, April 6th at 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM



### OHMS Library Pedals Across the United States

How far have you traveled a long distance on a bike? Using our under the desk bikes in the library we're going to see if we can pedal from Syracuse, New York all the way to Los Angeles, California. One student exclaimed, "There's no way we can do that this year!!" We looked up how many miles it was and did a little math. It's roughly 2700 miles to Los Angeles. Now the students think we might be able to actually pedal there and back before the end of the school year. So wish us luck on our journey from Syracuse to Los Angeles and back — we think it's a creative and healthy way to engage with physical activity, geography and possibly a little reading in between!



### Students of the Month

#### <u>SEPTEMBER</u>

5th Grade: Noah Winchell makes the classroom a brighter place. His smile and positive attitude are contagious, and he genuinely cares about everyone around him. He is very hard working and takes on each day with such a growth mindset. Noah is an admirable role model here at OHMS!

6th Grade: Will Carruth is extremely respectful to his peers and teachers. He has a positive attitude and displays a willingness to take on challenges to help motivate others to strive for excellence. He has made exceptional academic achievements and has demonstrated strong leadership skills throughout the beginning of 6th grade.

7th Grade: Shanley Pluff is new to the OHMS family this year. She has such a positive attitude, works hard and spreads positivity throughout the classroom. She has been a great addition to our community.

8th Grade: Christian Cordova is friendly and polite, and as a new student last year, has worked so hard to be an upstanding person at OHMS. He is kind, honest, funny, and strives to do his best. His perseverance and attitude in general is impressive.

#### <u>OCTOBER</u>

5th Grade: Eliza Ritz is in the 5th grade. She shows kindness to students and adults. I find her to be very thoughtful. Eliza is a hard worker and always strives to do her her best.

6th Grade: Jane Eischen is a dedicated learner and works well with every classmate. She is always kind, is a great friend, and gives 110% effort. Jane is a great addition to any classroom.

7th Grade: Griffin Jackson is a top-notch kid. He is kind, encouraging, and so welcoming in the classroom and always has a positive attitude.

8th Grade: Katherine Pluff is new this year to OHMS. She is incredibly hard working and brings so much positive energy. She volunteers for many things and brings enthusiasm into everything she does! She is a great addition to our Westhill family!





## OHMS Honor Roll 2023-2024 Quarter 1

#### **Grade 8 High Honor** Abraham, Balil

Almamari, Shahd Athanas, Andrew Belcore, Rosella Bova, Sophia Buckman, Skylar Carruth, John Cassalia, Patrick Centore, Angelina Chaddock, Evan Coleman, Reilly Collacchi, Emma Columbus, Hannah Cordova, Christian DeFabbio, Sophia Delay, Clare Dixon, Reagan Donegan, Redd Dowd, Cameron Dunbar, Teagan Eldred, lade Flegel, Julia Franco, Maxwell Gaines, Lyla Ganley, Daniel Gerasimovich, Isabella Glover, Charles Gridley, Dylan Grosso, Eva Hamam, Aiham Hange, Brooke Ibrahim, Ahmad Jaquint, Stone Ketchum, Hayden Lin, Cayla Maestri, David Marceau, Adrien Marinelli, Joseph Mathews, Leigh McMahon, Emmett Mondo, Melissa Morse, Shealyn Napolitano, Sabine Pichoske, Nicholas Platt, Havden Pluff, Katherine Presley, Alexandra Rewakowski, Andrew Root, Addison Satalin, David Savelesky, Sofia Scarfino, Stella Schug, McKenzie Scott, Khloe Scozzari, Samuel Seitz, Noah Spinner, Kaleigha Starowicz, Fiona Straub, Emily Stroman, Grace Tjaden, Julia Tolbert, Peychenze Tremblay, Addyson

Tyszka, William Viscome, Cailin Zheng, Winnie

#### Grade 8 Honor

Adams, Julia Auge, Emmerson Auringer, Schuvler Buell, Sydney Burke, Jameson Carroll, Daniel Cognato, Averie Coy, Andrew Culligan, Brea Davidson, Owen DelRio, Stef'Fonie Diaz, Naomi Fogarty, Emma Francisco, Dean Gaffney, Liam Glover, Henry Hubler, Evan Kelly, Quinn MacMaster, Kaylie Martin, Scott Mercurio, Rider Mesa Espinosa, Ariana Morales, Willa Ososkalo, Matthew Parry, Evangeline Pizarro Fuentes, Edriel Powless, Shaniya Pratt, Jackson Ritz, Leo Ross, Caleb Saad, Saam Scheel, Annabelle Tarolli, Thomas Wilbur, Corinne Williams Jr., Ronald Wilson, Blake Ziober, Beckham

#### Grade 7 High Honor

Anderson, Eliana Auringer, Giada Barcak, Natalie Brown, Juliana Brown, Miraja Canavan, Virginia Carroll, Elliott Carson, Landon Cobb, Logan Colangelo, Carmella Coleman, Reagan Collett, Reagan Cook, Jack Czaplicki, Kate DeLine, James Destito, Amelia Detor, Bridget Dimovski, Luka

Durant, Clark Ellis, Nicholas Engle, Isabella Etoll, Keira Flegel, Jackson Fraser, Brady Gallardo, Sophie Giannino, Arianna Green, Dylan Greenfield, Gavin Gumtow, Evey Headd, Matthew Horning, Anne Hughes, Elizabeth Jackson, Griffin Judge, Antonia Konkol, Khaya LaSalle, Amelia Mahoney, Audrey Manning, Kierra Morgan, Ella Olesh, Sofia Paparo, Morgan Pendergast, Tanner Pluff, Shanley Pratt, Tyler Ouattrocci, Brvan Robinson, Cassius Rogers, Brian Scanlon, Michael Scheirer, Gianna Schermerhorn, Kiley Schilling, Aedan Sisack, Brynna Soule, Charles Sova, Jeremy Storinge, Harry Tjaden, Trey Valenti, Michael Walsh, Reagan Walsh, Riley White, Layla Zuckerman, Alexander

#### Grade 7 Honor

Abdelfatah, Sela Altheblah, Yusuf Battista, Jacqueline Besaw, Jacob Boston, Eudora Burns, Madigan Campanella, Luke Canavan, Luna Chase, Livia Condon, Madigan Danboise III, Real Dhamoon, Gurtej Donegan, Daniel Fowler, Tyler Friend, Connor Fuller, Owen Goodwin, Darcy Gumtow, Vita Hagan, Albert

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#### Grade 7 Honor continued

Hubler, Audrey Jefferson, LaMaria Johnson, Lyric Johnson, Owen Krenrich, Emily LeFever, Alaina Marshall, Spencer Mastronardi, Stella Montalto, Eliana Obernesser, Charles Preville, Nicholas Primiano, Adelina Ramos, Cielo Rashid, Teffero Reynolds, Abigail Rowley, Mya Rufus, Levaja Sales, Simone Sierotnik, Lillian Sprouse, Eamon Stoddard, Franklin Thabet, Alyaa West, William Wright, Beckett Young, Elizabeth

#### Grade 6 High Honor

Agley, Logan Aiduk, Mya Aladwar, Malik Almamari, Ahd Alsofari, Ahmed Amidon, Alexander Auge, Cooper Baracco, Isla Block, Grace Boston, Chukwuemeka Burns, Charles Carroll, Kathryn Carruth, William Carruthers, Jasper Cass, Joseph Cenajko, Elliot Clark, Avery Clyne, Landon Collins, Joseph Connelly, Griffin Connelly, Quinn Couse, Vincent Crawford, Trenton DAgostino, Hailey Dixon, Maura Donegan, Ella Eischen, Jane Esposito, Jocelyn Francisco, Juliana Freund, Ethan Gridley, Luke Grobosky, Rowen Grome, Macie Henderson, Aiden Hennigan, Evelyn

Herne, Charles Hicks, Blin Holowinski, Lucas Holt, Shiloh Ibrahim, Ianelle Ireland, Madilyn Jackson, Colin Jackson, Owen Jaquint, Atticus Kalinowski, Elliott Kelly, Quest Killoran, Kellan King, Xander Kinney, Caroline Klamm, Dilynn Konkol, Tobi LaRosa, Olivia Loucks, Gabriel Maguire, Kendall Mamorella, Isabel Marceau, Oliver Mathews, Max McNeilly, Harrison Montague, Benjamin Morse, Malachy Mosleh, Maysa Nugent, lackson O'Brien, Helena Omar, Asha ONeil, Molly Padula, Ana Parr, Kendall Past, Lily Pautz, Peyton Pillari, Patrick Platt, Jayden Primiano, Alana Pucello, Ella Redmond, Julia Richardson, Jillian Romano, Jack Root, Seamus Rotella, Lyla Satalin, Gehrig Satalin, Kathleen Savelesky, Aurora Scozzari, Alexandra Seymour, Lyla Sisson, Charles Stash, Ella Stokes, Lucas Streiff, Chiara Thabet, Jenna Tyszka, Benjamin Weinsztok, Noah Wells, Karah Whipple, Mason White, Anthony Williams, Isabella Woodring, Emma Worden, Nora Zheng, Suri

#### Grade 6 Honor

Abedrabbah, Muhammad Abraham, Nina Allen, Daniel Armani, Ioviana Bagnell, Clive Bailey, Zirah Brooks, Judah Campbell, Miehara Carlyle, Kathryn Cassidy IV, Charles Connell, Taylor Coy, Logan Ellis, Aaliyah Fogarty, Connor Gehm, Julia Goodwin, Kelly Harris, Terry Hill, lavel Hope, Lilly Huggins, Jahsai Kearney-Tiano, Lilianna Kelly, Khloie Kimball, Julia Kimball, Michael Kincaid, Megan Kline, Tatum Kobasa, Ethan Maestri, Emilia Maldonado-Royer, Madeline Maye, Zoe Nicholson, Shaniy O'Brien, Mason OSullivan, Hannah Pearson Jr., Drew Pickett, Jack Pope, Deja Post, Jay'Don Presley, Clare Ross, Hunter Scanlon, Henry Seitz, Eden Singletary, JaLani Sow, Ahmad Thomas, Zahle Viavattine, Francesca Walts, Belle Wells, Ava Wilmot, Lily



### Biology & Environmental Students Visit the Salmon River Fish Hatchery





#### Dinner at the Ronald McDonald House!

Character Education served families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald house serves as a space for families to reside while tending to their own sick children at our local hosiptals. In the process of serving over 30 people a hot meal, our members also learned how to make homemade macaroni and cheese from scratch!



This fall WHS students extended their learning about freshwater ecosystems by witnessing Pacific, Coho and Chinook Salmon make their annual "run" to the Salmon River Fish Hatchery. It's a fascinating time to see them make their arduous journey back to their spawning grounds to lay (& fertilize) eggs. Students learned about Salmon spawning migrations, where they fit in the Great Lakes food web, why they're critical to the ecosystem, along with the invasive species that threatened their existence. It was a beautiful day to take learning outside of the classroom!



#### Warriors of the Month

#### October

9th Grade: Tyler Mersfelder goes out of his way to talk to other students, and he always brightens up the classroom with his friendly questions and big smile. When a new student was having a rough day, he was the only student who took the time to check in with them and ask they were okay. He makes every person he comes in contact with feel like they matter. He has been super welcoming to all students he collaborates with in small group activities, and his enthusiasm and welcoming personality is contagious. Tyler is just a genuinely friendly person who makes Westhill High School a better place.

10th Grade: McKenzie Raner has had a great start to the year. She has been working hard in all of her classes and putting in the extra effort to be successful. One day during class, a fellow student was struggling with studying for a test, and she sat down with the student for the whole period and showed her different strategies and songs to help her learn the material. McKenzie has shown that not only does she want to do well in school, but she also wants to see the others around her succeed as well.



11th Grade: Grace Bergett is one of the kindest students at Westhill. She is incredibly kind to her classmates and grateful for her teachers.

On top of her always positive attitude, Grace is a leader in the classroom. She helps lead class discussions and isn't afraid to share her ideas. Her quality of work always exceeds expectations, and she rises up to any challenges presented to her. She is the type of student that every teacher hopes to have in their classroom. Keep up the great work Grace!

12th Grade: Alexa Korrie is an incredible student who is consistently giving her best in class. Her work ethic allows her to excel in school, regardless of how difficult the class is. While Alexa is a phenomenal student, she is also a great person. She is a kind and caring individual who truly cares about those around her. She is the type of student who you look forward to teaching each year, because you know your class will be better with her there.

#### Future Leaders Travel to SUNY Cortland

On October 17th, a group of students attended the SUNY Cortland Future Leaders' Conference. Throughout the day they worked with students from other districts in the state to help define what student leadership is, and how they can use that information to better their own school district. Each school is developing a project at their school and will present it in March at SUNY Cortland.



#### Superintendent Visits OCM BOCES

On October 25th, Westhill Superintendent Mr. Dunham went to visit the students attending the morning OCM BOCES programs on the Thompson Road campus. He had a blast connecting with some of our amazing students. Mr. Dunham was impressed by the expertise these students have developed to help get them college and career ready.



Pictured here is Mr. Dunham with Connor Keyes, a Westhill High School Senior and second year Welding student at OCM BOCES.

### A Spook-tacular Night

This year Character Education hosted its annual Halloween Party with a record turnout! It was a spooktacular night. Walberta and Cherry Road students enjoyed crafts, games; and, of course, our spooky hallway. Admission from this event will go toward charitable organizations and community outreach. We are so thankful for all who made the night a success! See you next year!



#### Top Chef Français 2023!

On October 23, the annual Top Chef French cooking competition took place in the newly built kitchen at Westhill High School! Hosted by the French Club, students were invited to prepare unique dishes from francophone regions and countries throughout the world. Each dish fell into one of three categories: les entrées (appetizers), les plats principaux (main dishes) and les desserts (desserts). Each chef was judged based on the complexity, taste and appearance of the dish, as well as the chef's knowledge of the origin and significance of the dish. Our judges included Mr. Ferrick, Ms Quijano, Mr. Dolan, Ms. Snell and our extra special guest and professional chef, Mr. Terrence McRae. Un grand MERCI to all of our judges for their help and expertise, and a huge congratulations to all seventeen contestants! The scores were very close, but here are the winners! Bravo and Bon Appétit!

### AP Environmental Students Learn How to Make Energy

Students from the AP Environmental class visited Covanta and learned how our garbage is turned into energy.





### Congratulations ENL Graduates

On November 9th, Westhill hosted its first ever English as a New Language graduation ceremony! At the ceremony we celebrated our outstanding students who scored at the commanding level of English in Spring of 2023. These students, spanning from kindergarten all the way up to high school, have worked incredibly hard to master the English language. We are extremely proud of their perseverance and commitment to their own learning! Congratulations again to our 2023 ENL graduates!



Empire State Games TEAM WESTHILL



On Tuesday, October 24th a large group of Westhill students and staff, from all four of our school buildings, donned their school colors and tied up their sneakers for a fun-filled day at the Empire State Games Adapted Sports Clinic. The event was held at the CNY Family Sports Center in Baldwinsville! The students enjoyed participating in the many physical activities and games scattered throughout the sports center. Westhill teachers and staff were on hand to help the students navigate the day, whether it be with the physical activities or the social aspect of the day. The students were able to strengthen new friendships within their school community, and some of our older students were able to reconnect with old friends and staff from other schools as well. WHAT A GREAT SHOW OF WESTHILL SPIRIT AND CAMARADERIE!

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#### Grade 12

Allahar, Gabrielle Allen, Bridget Altheblah, Ayesha Altheblah, Hasan Amorese, Vincent Anderson, Myles Andrella, Kyle Battista, Megan Borne, Gavin Burdick, Bryce Caloia, Cade Campanella, Jack Campbell, Ryan Carfagno, Sophia Carroll, Alden Carson, Kendall Chester, Taden Cognato, Nina Cottrell, Catherine Craven, Cecylia Curley, Logan Curriden, Morgan Dabbiero, Joshua Darling, Damon DeMore, Charles Deno, Peyton DeSanto, Emma Dillabough, Trey Dimovski, Sofia Edlund, Shamus Enriquez, Grace Etoll, Owen Evans, Rachel Falcone, Taylor Finnerty, Sean Formica, Lauren Fuller, Sophia Gacek, Chloe Goodness, Hannah Gratien, Joshua Herrera, Elle Hogan, Jameson Johnson, Isabella Johnston, Brendan Kaczor, Carrie Kleberg IV, David Kleberg, Elena Knohl, Caitlyn Knohl, Connor Knoll, Caroline Kohanski, Morgan Korrie, Alexa Lancette, Alison Langdon, Kameron Lasher, Ava Leonardo, Isabel Lopez, Cameron MacLachlan, Nathan MacMaster, Hannah Madigan III, Michael Mahoney, Rosemary Maines, Owen Martin, Nathan McClave, Miley McGlynn, Grace McPeak, Benjamin McPeak, Elizabeth Medeiros, Steven Mueller, Elizabeth Nagraj, Luciana Nojaim, Carlos O'Reilly, Andrew Paetow, Emma Pens, Grady Petrone, Sophia Pettiford, Ni'Jhay Phillips, Marissa Pickett, Luke Plochocki, Alexander Pollard, Xavier Raner, Tylers Rashid, D'Mateo Rewakowski, Mary Rhode, Tiara Rinaldi, Emily Robbins, Regan Rogers, Kathleen Saini, Danish Sainsbury, Katelyn Saya-Pucello, Adriana Schneider, Brynn Sexton, Keegan Shanahan, Maggie Sheridan, Patrick Sherwood, Ryan Shewchuk, Lucas Simmons, Alexandria Small, Chloe Smithers, Samuel Smyth, Shay Sparks, Julia Spasevski, Gianna Spencer, Logan Stanton, Jane Stiner, William Stiner, Zero Suddaby, Jackson Talucci, Reagan Taylor, Veronica Terek, Julianna Thomas, A'my Thompson, Molly Thornton, Ellie Tjaden, Hannah Van Epps, Jack Walsh, Maggie Wilsch, Emma

Young, Isabel Young, Liliana Zawadzki, Dominic Zema, Rose

#### Grade 11

Abdelfatah, Amana Abedrabbah, Razan Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid Abraham, Sarah Adams, Alexandra Agley, Lucas Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike Allen, Tate Almamari, Amr Alt, Maille Andrella, Dylan Antoine, Ava Balduzzi, Emily Baty, Ava Bender, Alice Bergett, Grace Bova, Michael Burkett, Samantha Burns, Phoebe Campbell, Miracle Caputo, Jocelyn Cardoso, Anthony Cecile, Annabella Ciaramella, Francesca Colangelo, Anabelle Cole, Chloe Renee Cusimano, Rocco DeLine, William DeMore, Timothy E. Detor, Claire Ann Dorfman, Molly Eldred, Zane Esposito, Stephen Fitzgerald, Nora Geiger, Angelyna Getz, Austin Glover, Michael Goldman, Adyson Goral, Mva Gorman, Emma Gregory, Chyla Griffin, Maxwell Gumaer, Phoebe Hamam, Israa Hange, Georgia Hayes V, Robert Heise, Morgan Henesey, Luke Holowinski, Aubrey Jetter, Siena Joyce, Camaryn Juman, Eli Stuart Kelly, Caleigh

Kelly, Colin Kelly, Kara Kimball, Lauren Klamm, Jeremiah LaReau, Abigail Loveless, Lillian MacBain, Sydney Marshall, Emma Mathews, Camryn McCloat, Abrianna McGann, Julie Medeiros, Sydney Merrick, Thomas Metzgar, Julian Moro, Breyanna Nicole Mulholland, Owen Murphy, Emma O'Hern, Keller Olesh, Daniel Pease, Jack Ryan Pendergast, Thomas Pichoske, Thaddeus Pirong, Joseph Michael Popp, Edward Thomas Ramsing, Cadence Marie Rienhardt, Emily Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria Roesch, Elizabeth Rose Rose, Conor James Rosenberger, Kara Rouse, Owen Cady Sampo, Anthony Richard Sauer, Tripp Russell Scanlon, William Scheel, Nicholas Shenfeld, Zoey Lynn Sheridan, Riley Patrick Shiel, Colin Ryan Sipley, Helena Sisack, Emlyn Stanton, Laura Rose Starowicz, Avery Grace Sullivan, Grace Kateri Swierk, Ryan Francis Tarolli, Evangelina Grace Taylor, Emily Thabet, Ramzi Thabet, Sabri Valenti, Claire Elisabeth Valenti, Sophia Ann Vashchishin, Anna White, Collin Patrick Williams, Amaya

#### Grade 10

Amidon, Aiden Amorese, Gabriel Anderson, Elizabeth Bruzdzinski III, John

#### Grade 10 continued

Buckley, Grace Buell, Addison Burke, Kiley Campanella, Tyler Carroll, Miles Carruthers, Adelynn Clark, Riley Cognato, John Cowin, Maxwell Curtis, Fenris Czaplicki, Benjamin D'Agostino, Elizabeth DeJesus, Josselyn Diaz, Leslie Downs, Blake Eckert, Anna Faigle, Grace Franco, Mason Ganley, Caroline Gilhooley, Brendan Goode, Delaney Goode, Hadley Goodness, Jackson Goodwin, Zachary Gorman, Grace Hatch, Milo Haves, John Haves, Selina Hill, Jael Hoffman, Sophia Holleran, Liam Holstein, Eric Hunt, Thomas Jackson, Anna Kaczor, Stella Kenny, Ronan Kenny, Tiernan Kincaid, Cormac King, Kayleigh Kohanski, Adriana Langham, Allison Lopez, Collin Maines, Aiden Mason, Je'Mia McGann, Rylee McKeon, Hunter Militi, Eva Mondo, Andrew Mullen, Eileen Napolitano, Stella Olesh, Anita Ortiz, Leila Parry, Eleanor Pellegrino, Brandon

Pens, Kellen Perry, Alexa Petrone, Calvin Pickett, Ella Reilley, Olivia Rice, Lorenzo Richardson, Carter Roach, Meara Rowe, Mateo Rudiger, Abigail Ryan, Molly Sadowski, Andrew Sainsbury, Claire Sainsbury, Ryan Satalin, Erin Scarfino, Dominic Schmitz, Lily Shanahan, Kari Shephard, Madicine Shepherd, Ellis Sierotnik, Christopher Jr. Sisson, Kevin Snyder, Amie Snyder, Meghan Snyder, Samantha Somers, Adelynn Soule, Madelyn Sparks, Olivia Speer, Trinity Stephenson, Matthew Stotler, Adam Stroman, Peter Talucci, Gage Thompson, William Trotman, Derricka Turner, Braelyn Tyszka, Alexander Valerino, Angelina Vaughan, Margaret Colleen Vitale, Dominic Ward, Alexis Wilbur, Jena Wilson, Carter Winkler, Avery Wright, Reagan Young, Katherine

#### Grade 9

Abdallah, Sadeen Aguayo, Mariah Al Qadri, Mais Alberts, Adeline Allen, Brooke Allen, Max Altheblah, Brahim Bagnell, Tatum Bruzdzinski, Lottie Cardoso, Nicolas Chandler, Samantha Choe, Austin Clarry, Bryson Colangelo, Samantha Columbus, Kailyn Conley, Colleen Conroy, Mackenzie Crawford, Lane D'Agostino, Claire DeLine, Lucas DeMore, Lucy Dennee, Christopher Destito, Isabella DeTomaso, Giana Domick, Isabella Edlund, Kiera Ellis, Christine Enright, Aaliyah Etoll, Grady Finnerty, Ryan Frasier, Jackson Gallardo, Isabella Garcia, Jamil Gehm, Tyler Goldman, Chase Gray, Owen Hall, Ethan Headd, John-Paul Hemingway, Arianna Henesey, Matthew Herne, Louis Hodkinson, Anna Horning, Grace Ide, Caitlin Jackson, Jake Johnson, Sophia Johnston, Liam Judge, Charles Kelly, Claire Kelly, Teagan Kimball, Samantha Kinney, Mary Kodoe, Andrea-Ann Krenrich, Kaitlin Lasher, Sophia MacLachlan, Thomas MacMaster, Natalie Maher, Anthony Marshall, Ava McGann, Sean McGee, Felicity McNeilly, Hazel

McRae, Ayanah Montalto, Adelina Moore, James Mulligan, Ava Murphy, Kaylin Murphy, Lucy Nagraj, Mariana Pawelczyk, Allison Pease, Logan Pendergast, Cooper Piel, Alexander Piel, Elijah Primiano, Eulalia Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne Rogers, Reagan Rouse, Brielle Ruski, Serenity Ryan, Elliette Sauer, Parker Scanlon, Charles Shephard, Mathew Simon, Wambdiokiye Sobotka, Mariusz Soule, Eva Spasevski, Ivana Taylor, Addison Thabet, Dhuha Thabet, Edhem Thompkins, Amora Tracy, Noah Vashchishin, Samuel Walker, Elyse Wallace, Ashton West, Emma Wilmot, Owen Young, Daniel Young, Trevor Zuckerman, Zoe



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# Athletics

### Athlete of the Week -Alison Lancette

Alison Lancette has been honored as the News Channel 9 Athlete of the Week for her outstanding accomplishments in the sport of volleyball. Concluding her senior season, Alison has been a 5-year varsity participant, earning All-CNY honors for 3 seasons and competing at the State Final Four as an 8th grader, junior, and senior. As she accepts this prestigious award, her parents, coaches, teammates, and fans are elated and proud of Alison for being an incredible teammate and competitor!



#### Fall Athletic Achievements

The Fall 2023 season for the Warriors was full of success and excitement. This fall Westhill was named OHSL Liberty League Champions in two interscholastic sports; girls soccer and volleyball. These league championships lead to two Section III Warrior Champions in both boys' soccer and volleyball. Boys soccer continued their season strong with a NYS Regional Championship beating Plattsburg High School for a bid to the NYSPHSAA Championships. The team lost to Aquinas High School in the NYSPHSAA, Class A, semifinal game completing their season with a 16-2-2 record. The Westhill volleyball team also made a run for a NYS Championship. They captured a NYS Regional Championship earning them a trip to Glens Falls. The team had an outstanding run to the NYSPHSAA final game where they lost to Lansing High School in a very competitive contest.

Among our team champions we also had many individual title winners. Senior Drew O'Reilly placed second in the Class C Section III Cross Country Championships earning him a place to run in the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships. Drew finished his season strong with a top 10 finish at the state championship meet. Seniors, Bella Johnson and Kathleen Rogers also won a Section III Title as Westhills first doubles team in tennis.

Congratulations to all our fall athletes on a very successful season!











#### National Letter of Intent Signees

On Wednesday, November 8th, surrounded by family and friends, three Westhill seniors signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the Division I and II levels. The NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student athlete and an NLI member institution. The institution agrees to provide athletes financial aid and the student athlete agrees to attend the institution full time. Bridget Allen signed to play lacrosse at Division I, Niagara University. Bridget is a two-sport athlete earning varsity letters in indoor track and lacrosse. Elle Herrera signed her NLI with the Division II Big Red of Shippensburg University where she will participate on the women's soccer team. George Mason University signed all-star Michael Madigan III to play baseball for the Patriots. Michael is a two-sport varsity letter winner in soccer and lacrosse at Westhill. Congratulations Bridget, Elle and Michael!





### Westhill Football Gives Back in a Big Way

As part of the 2023 Homecoming celebration you may have noticed the Warriors Football team sporting a new jersey while battling the Trojans of Homer High School. This year the Varsity Football team fundraised and wore jerseys that displayed ten colored ribbons on the back. These ribbons signified various forms of cancer that have affected the lives of the players in some way. The football program donated their fundraising efforts to Luke's Army, a pediatric cancer research foundation created to honor the life of Luke Ungerer. Also, noted on the right shoulder of the jersey was a patch indicating the number 60. This patch was worn to honor Westhill Football Alumnus and Board of Education member, CPT Patrick Cassidy who passed away on October 4, 2023 after a nine-month battle with lung cancer. Patrick's nephews Charlie, Colton and Cruz had the honor of participating in the coin toss to begin the game. Thank you to the Westhill Community for supporting this great cause and honoring Patrick.



## **District News**

#### Walberta Park Elementary School News

# Attention Incoming Kindergarten Parents 2024-2025 School Year

Registration for the 2024-2025 Kindergarten class at Walberta Park School is approaching.

If you have a child that will be five on or before December 1, 2024, please follow these simple steps:

- Fill out the form below and return it to: Walberta Park Primary School Kindergarten 2024-2025 400 Walberta Road Syracuse, New York 13219-2297
- 2. Once we have received this completed form, we will send a registration packet in the mail for you to complete. You will need to include the following with your completed registration packet. Your child will not be registered at school unless we have on file the following:
  - Copy of your child's birth certificate (original not required)
  - Proof of district residency (copy of deed, lease or rental agreement, mortgage statement)
  - Physical & immunization records (can be sent in later after the 5 year check up)
- 3. Please fill out the packet completely and return it to us between March 4th and March 8th. You can mail it, drop it off or email it. There will not be an in-person registration day.
- 4. A kindergarten orientation will be held for students and parents on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. More information will be forthcoming.
- 5. Once your child is registered, you will receive a link to sign your child up for our kindergarten screening which will take place on June 27 and 28. Every incoming kindergartner must be screened to enter school. Screening helps us make class placements and plan for instruction to best meet children's needs.
- 6. Student hours for the 2024-2025 school year are 8:40am to 3:00pm.

Please fill out this form and return to the al on the QR Code below no lat (PLEASE PRIN	er than January 26, 2024.
Child's Name	_ Gender: M F Date of Birth
Parents/Guardians Name(s)	Home Phone
Address	Zip Code
Email Address	
Which statement best describes your plans for September?	2771-2023 2771-2023
□ My child WILL attend kindergarten at Walberta Park School.	
My child WILL NOT attend kindergarten at Walberta Park School.	1953) - ANDERSON - AND
□ I am undecided.	国建筑发生



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### Introducing Chris Haigney -Westhill's New Board of Education Member

A 2002 graduate of Westhill High School, Chris Haigney resides on Onondaga Hill with his wife Caitlin and two adorable kids, aged 5 and 3. Professionally, Chris is a dedicated software manager at Baxter (formerly Welch Allyn) where he's worked for over 15 years. Beyond his career, he is deeply committed to education



and has served as a board member of the Westhill Educational Foundation for the past 5 years, advocating for the betterment of his alma mater. In his free time, Chris cherishes moments with his wife and children, relishing their growth and experiences. He's also an avid golfer, traveler and a passionate Syracuse basketball fan, boasting season tickets for over a decade.

### Westhill Educational Foundation Welcomes New Student Reps!

Congratulations to Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe and Grace Bergett, the newly appointed Student Representatives to the Westhill Educational Foundation. Both students are juniors at WHS and are respected and active members of the Westhill community. They will serve a two year term and fulfill the important role of providing a student voice to the Board.

