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## Westhill High School Recognized as a **National Blue Ribbon School**

It is with immense pride that we announce that Westhill High School has been officially recognized by the New York State Board of Regents as a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program was established by the U.S. Department of Education in 1982 to recognize outstanding public and non-public elementary, middle, and high schools across the nation. The program's core significance lies in its role as a symbol of exemplary teaching and learning and affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities, providing an important national benchmark of quality that has been widely recognized for decades.

To be named a Blue Ribbon School means that Westhill High School is considered to be an Exemplary High Performing School. The National Blue Ribbon School Program and recognition by the New York State Board of Regents represents the gold standard in academic achievement, and we are honored to be one of only 19 schools in the entire state to receive this formal recognition.

This designation is not the result of a single effort or a single year, but rather, it is the result of the collaborative commitment to excellence demonstrated across our entire school community in all grades, all buildings, and by all stakeholders over time. Our success is built on relationships and a strong professional learning community, driven by collaboration, trust, consistency, and shared responsibility. This award is a testament to the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff, as well as the incredible support from our families and community.

Being designated a Blue Ribbon School goes beyond simply achieving high assessment results, it is a testament to the educational programming designed to ensure academic excellence, innovation, a focus on equity, and opportunities for all students. As a community, we are committed to reflecting, improving, and upholding a high standard necessary to prepare our students for an ever-changing global society.

Congratulations to the entire school community for this incredible recognition of Westhill High School! This acknowledgement isn't a finish line; instead, it is a step in the journey of continuous improvement and sustained commitment to academic excellence.



# Walberta Park School

## Walberta Park Hosts First Responder's Day

On October 7th, 2025, Walberta Park held the 2nd annual First Responder Day. The students and staff were able to meet and talk with First Responders from the Geddes Police Department, Solvay Fire Department, Camillus Police Department, New York State Police, Syracuse Police Department, New York State Park Police, Onondaga County Emergency Management and AMR Ambulance. In addition, students were able to check out some of the incredible equipment that our First Responders use such as police cars, fire trucks, an ambulance, and a SWAT vehicle.

The goal of this annual event is to build relationships between students and First Responders, teach students about the important roles that First Responders play in our community, and reinforce that First Responders are adults that students can rely on and trust in the event of an emergency. It was an outstanding day of learning and fun for everyone involved.



### CLASS OF 2005

The Class of 2005 is excited to host their 20th high school reunion on Saturday, December 27th 2025 from 5-9pm at Dinosaur BBQ. Please contact Beth Perry (O'Neil) at [bethoneil24@gmail.com](mailto:bethoneil24@gmail.com) if you are a classmate interested in purchasing tickets.

# Walberta Park School

## Chalk the Walk

Thank you to Walberta Park students who participated in Chalk the Walk by sharing their positive messages and pictures along our walkways to brighten the day of our students, staff and visitors at WPS!



## Author Tina Shepardson Visits Walberta Park

Author and retired OHMS teacher, Tina Shepardson, visited WPS in October. Mrs. Shepardson's award winning book, *The Sorry Seeds*, teaches students how to make and accept apologies. During her time at WPS, Tina presented to the monthly program audience and then spent the day working with kindergarten and 1st grade classes.



## Bert & Ernie Visit WPS

Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie visited WPS to celebrate the Halloween holiday. The characters are pictured here with Mrs. Merrit's kindergarten class who were delighted to see them at library time. The visit to WPS was sponsored by Superintendent Dunham and Assistant Superintendent Auge, who looked fantastic as Bert and Ernie! Students pictured below from left to right and front to back are Madisynn Gardner, Landon Cruz, Christopher Thomas, Sama Thabet, Sam Barrington, Audrey Calkins, Clair Krawczyk, Max Shirley, Lila Brunner, Beckett Fontaine, Kendall Conway, Anav Panchal, Mawada Nagi, Milo Furdyn-Miller and Chloe Swan.



# Cherry Road School

## High Five at Cherry Road

The Community Educators from McMahon Ryan visited Cherry Road for the 14th year in a row with their High Five! program. High Five! was designed to give Kindergarten, first and second grade students the skills to stay safe when they find themselves in unsafe situations. The goal of High Five! is to help prevent child abuse and child sexual abuse by promoting the importance of identifying feelings, responding to those feelings and telling a trusted adult. Pictured here are students in Mrs. Ziobor and Mrs. Geiss's 2nd Grade classes!



## Yoga Club at Cherry Road

4th graders are participating in Yoga Club once a week for 8 weeks with Social Worker, Mrs. Hollis-Breen to help energize, relax, & get ready for the day with music, stories, breathing, games & poses. 3rd Grade Yoga Club will be announced in the spring.



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## Cherry Road Plants a Tree

For the third year in a row, Cherry Road students have helped the Westvale Neighborhood Association plant a Maple tree on Maple Road. A representative from Cornell Cooperative Extension came and gave a short presentation to the class before they went outside to plant the tree. Seen here are students in Ms. Tooley's third grade class. The students are looking forward to seeing the growth of these trees over the years!



# Cherry Road School

## Meteorologist Visits CRS

To kick off their next science unit, Weather and Climate, third graders saw a presentation by News Channel 9 Meteorologist Kate Thornton. They learned how Kate predicts our local weather, how clouds are made and she even provided some winter snowfall predictions! Get ready to see some snow!



## Honoring our Veterans

This month, Ms. Umbrianna's class learned all about Veterans' Day and the amazing people who serve in our military. We discovered that the Blue Angels are part of the Navy and perform incredible flying demonstrations to inspire pride in our country. Students brought in photos and posters to share stories of their brave family members who have served in all four branches of the military. We learned about a medical doctor who served during World War II, as well as another veteran who proudly served for 33 years! What incredible examples of dedication and courage! We are so proud of all our veterans and thankful for their service, sacrifice, and bravery. We also thank their families for the love and support they give.



# Cherry Road School

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## Storyteller and Author Visits Cherry Road

James Bruchac visited Walberta Park and Cherry Road on November 7th. James is a storyteller and author, as well as a wilderness expert and guide. Students listened to traditional tales, and were able to guess which animals made various animal tracks. Families also got a chance to meet James during the book fair held at Walberta Park on November 6th.

This visit was funded by the Westhill Educational Foundation, and organized by elementary librarians Aneisa Linton and Karin Backus.



# Cherry Road School

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## Thank you WEST and NYRR

This fall, over 65 4th graders participated in Cherry Road Mileage Club, an intramural group that arrives before school to exercise. CRS Mileage Club is sponsored by the New York Road Runners which aims to provide children of all ages, skill levels, and abilities the power and encouragement to become their best selves through exercise and running. NYRR sends the students incentives such as the T-shirts everyone is wearing in this picture, and we really appreciate their support!

Also pictured here is the giant inflatable obstacle course that WEST so graciously offered to rent again for our students this year. Through a 6-day rotation we were able to have all CRS PE classes rotate through 2 full days (lessons) of our full gym obstacle. Of course, the inflatable was by far the biggest hit. In addition, we were able to have 2 rotations of 4th grade Mileage Club get to use it for 2 extra/bonus days before school even starts. Thank you WEST for providing another fantastic opportunity for our students!



# Walberta Park and Cherry Road School

## Family Math Night

Kindergarten - 4th graders, along with their families, came out to Cherry Road for Family Math Night on November 13. Fun stations were set up around the cafeteria to practice a variety of skills, such as place value, geometry, addition, multiplication and fractions. Students also enjoyed a photo booth and cozy corner full of children's literature containing mathematical themes. The stations were run by Westhill High School students and members of the OHMS Future Educators of America Club. A fun night was had by all!



# OHMS Honor Roll 2025-2026 Quarter 1

## Grade 8

Abedrabbah, Muhammad  
Abraham, Nina  
Agley, Logan  
Aiduk, Mya  
Al-Fawadi, Mujtaba  
Aladwar, Malik  
Allen, Daniel  
Almamari, Ahd  
Alsofari, Ahmed  
Amidon, Alexander  
Armani, Joviana  
Auge, Cooper  
Bagnell, Clive  
Baracco, Isla  
Brooks, Judah  
Burns, Charles  
Carlyle, Kathryn  
Carroll, Kathryn  
Carruth, William  
Carruthers, Jasper  
Cass, Joseph  
Cassidy IV, Charles  
Cenajko, Elliot  
Chang, Samantha  
Clark, Avery  
Clyne, Landon  
Connell, Taylor  
Connelly, Griffin  
Connelly, Quinn  
Couse, Vincent  
Crawford, Trenton  
D'Agostino, Hailey  
Dixon, Maura  
Donegan, Ella  
Eischen, Jane  
Esposito, Jocelyn  
Faigle, Ellie  
Famosa, Jahlani  
Fogarty, Connor  
Francisco, Julianne  
Freund, Ethan  
Gehm, Julia  
Goodwin, Kelly  
Gridley, Luke  
Grobosky, Rowen  
Grome, Macie  
Henderson, Aiden  
Hennigan, Evelyn  
Herne, Charles  
Herron, Gian  
Herron, Giavana  
Hicks, Blin  
Holowinski, Lucas  
Holt, Shiloh  
Huggins, Jahnai  
Ibrahim, Janelle  
Ireland, Madilyn  
Jackson, Colin

Jackson, Owen  
Jaquint, Atticus  
Kalinowski, Elliott  
Kelly, Quest  
Killoran, Kellan  
Kimball, Julia  
Kimball, Michael  
Kincaid, Megan  
King, Xander  
Kinney, Caroline  
Klamm, Dilynn  
Kline, Tatum  
Kobasa, Ethan  
Konkol, Tobi  
LaFramboise, Naomi  
LaRosa, Olivia  
Loucks, Gabriel  
Maestri, Emilia  
Maguire, Kendall  
Maldonado-Royer, Madeline  
Mamorella, Isabel  
Marceau, Oliver  
Mathews, Max  
McNeilly, Harrison  
Minier, Cameron  
Montague, Benjamin  
Morse, Malachy  
Mosleh, Maysa  
Nicholson, Shaniy  
Nugent, Jackson  
O'Brien, Helena  
O'Brien, Mason  
O'Neil, Molly  
Omar, Asha  
Padula, Ana  
Parr, Kendall  
Past, Lily  
Pautz, Peyton  
Pillari, Patrick  
Platt, Jayden  
Pope, Deja  
Presley, Clare  
Primiano, Alana  
Pucello, Ella  
Redmond, Julia  
Richardson, Jillian  
Root, Seamus  
Ross, Hunter  
Rotella, Lyla  
Satalin, Gehrig  
Satalin, Kathleen  
Savelesky, Aurora  
Scanlon, Henry  
Scozzari, Alexandra  
Seitz, Eden  
Seymour, Lyla  
Sisson, Charles  
Stash, Ella  
Stokes, Lucas

Streiff, Chiara  
Thabet, Jenna  
Thomas, Zahle  
Tyszka, Benjamin  
Viaavattine, Francesca  
Walts, Belle  
Weinsztok, Noah  
Wells, Ava  
Wells, Karah  
Whipple, Mason  
Wilmot, Lily  
Woodring, Emma  
Worden, Nora  
Zheng, Suri

## Grade 7

Al-Fawadi, Muntadher  
Alsofari, Shaima  
Altheblah, Somayah  
Ayesh, Eliana  
Bandel, Kendra  
Bidnyi, Matthew  
Byrd, Kemiyah  
Cassalia, Broderick  
Chalker, Mia  
Christopher, Avery  
Colangelo, Luke  
Coleman, Griffin  
Collacchi, Connor  
Collett, Mary Kate  
Connell, Claire  
Craver, Olive  
Dacko, Katarina  
DeFabbio, Matthew  
DiMarco, Lillian  
Dixon, Evelyn  
Dowd, Tanner  
Earl, Eliza  
Edmond, Brooklyn  
Evans, Avery  
Fabrizi, Anya  
Feliu, Lillian  
Fowler, Eliana  
Franco, Morgan  
Gallardo, Caleb  
Galvin, Benjamin  
Gersbacher, Danielle  
Gibson, Kayla  
Green, Hayden  
Greenfield, Nolan  
Grosso, Nicholas  
Hamilton, Danielle  
Hares, Kenzie  
Headd, Catherine

Henderson, Briana  
Henesey, Alice  
Herne, Grace  
Hoffman, Josephine  
Holleran, Ella  
Ide, Brandon  
Irving, Violet  
Iwachiw, Cora  
Kenneally, Liam  
Ketchum, Caleb  
Klaben, Harper  
Krawczyk, Liam  
Kurro, Emelia  
LeFever, McKenzie  
Linden, Hudson  
Lora Gonzalez, Arminda  
MacLachlan, Margaret  
Madonia, Sasha  
Masset, Jonathan  
McGlynn, Ryan  
McVicker, Callan  
Mitchell, Edan  
Mollie, Ilithya  
Montalto, Massimo  
Moro, Vincent  
Mulligan, Mackenzie  
Nelson, Rihanna  
Nicholson, ShyQuen  
O'Neill, Lux  
Obernesser, Ellen  
Osterman, Annabelle  
Panighetti, Olive  
Parry III, Thomas  
Pease, Matthew  
Pease, Quinn  
Perski, Brooklyn  
Platt, Griffin  
Pratt, Alana  
Previle, Chase  
Price, Seamus  
Prince, Eva  
Ritz, Eliza  
Rotolo, Mason  
Rudiger, Connor  
Russo, Anelia  
Samhammer, John  
Schilling, Declan  
Seymour, Kaleigh  
Shelmidine, Wesley  
Sisson, Emmy  
Stoddard, Arianna  
Straub, Jocelyn  
Stroman, Samuel

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## Grade 7 continued

Summa, Anthony  
Tacea, Ilias  
Tacea, Isidora  
Thabet, Ismael  
Thabet, Mayar  
Thabet, Rana  
Vidas, Dylan  
Vidas, Evelyn  
Ward, Ella  
Waters, Gracelyn  
Wheeler, Tobias  
Widrick, Joseph  
Winchell, Noah  
Zuckerman, Lucas

## Grade 6

Al Khatib Al Jashi, Shahd  
Aladwar, Hamza  
Allen, Kacie  
Allen, Katie  
Bang, Kunwardeep  
Baracco, Laney  
Barcak, Jeremy  
Berger, Mikala  
Bramhall, Gideon  
Brown, Emma  
Burke, Seamus  
Burns, Finnegan  
Carroll, Clara  
Cassidy, Colton  
Chagnon, Xandra  
Charpentier, Lyla  
Chase, Logan  
Claps, Gavin  
Comes, Ella  
Connelly, Keegan  
Conroy, Vivien  
Copani, Salvatore  
Coviello, Grace  
Culhane, Gerard  
D'Agostino, Dylan  
Davidson, Jack  
DeStefano, Teresa  
Dickinson, Jayce  
Donegan, Ada  
Downs, Derry  
Durant, Miles  
Eischen, Abigail  
Eisenberg, Sofia  
Elmer, Maxwell  
Enriquez, Aidan  
Eure, Milah

Freund, Ellie  
Friend, Logan  
Fuller, Evan  
Garvey, Jonah  
Gehm, Hartley  
Geiss, Ryan  
Gerasimovich, Anna  
Ginney, Natalie  
Green, Santana  
Grenton, Chrystian  
Hall, Helen  
Hammerle, Everett  
Harris, Riley  
Hartmann, Aubrey  
Hennigan, Natalie  
Hicks, Porter  
Horning, Matthew  
Hughes, Wesley  
Hunsu, Mahutin  
Huntley III, Christopher  
Ibrahim, Julia  
Judge, Evelyn  
Kalinowski, Avery  
Kelly, Keena  
Khalafalla, Omar  
Killoran, Rory  
Kowalik, Christopher  
LaRosa, Avery  
Lawrence, Zoey  
Lazzaro, Juliana  
Lennon, Meadow  
Lin, Meiomi  
Linden, Grayson  
Losty, Connor  
Lozada Perez, Andrea  
Mahoney, Nora  
Maines, Nolan  
Mamorella, Gabriel  
Manning, Makenna  
Marceau, Gabriel  
Masset, Henry  
McArdell, Molly  
McClain, Keyshon  
Mehra, Saanvi  
Minier, Chase  
Montague, Colin  
Moriarty, Emily  
Moriarty, Maria  
Morse, James  
Myers, Cairo  
Nelson, Jayceon  
Nugent, Mila  
Nur, Salma

O'Hara, Maeve  
Ogletree, Braylon  
Ondrejka, Jakob  
Padula, Victoria  
Paris, Damian  
Peets, Paxton  
Perry, Emma  
Peterson, Emmalyn  
Price III, Steven  
Primavera, Annabelle  
Pucello, Lexi  
Pucello, Lily  
Romano, Lyla  
Rose, Matthew  
Rudy, Mary Kate  
Ryan, Declan  
Savastano, Ella  
Schermerhorn, Danica  
Schroth, Noah  
Sebold, Brooklyn  
Skrypnyk, Samuel  
Stash, Everly  
Storinge, Leo  
Swierk, Teagan  
Tarkowski, Jackson  
Tatusko, John  
Tatusko, Stephen  
Thabet, Rinad  
Tremblay, Avery  
Valerino, Sadie  
Walker, Liam  
Walker, Wesley  
Weinsztok, Aiden  
Widrick, David  
Williamson, Delylah  
Winch, Lilly  
Worden, Rory



# Onondaga Hill Middle School

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## HEALTHY CHOICES WEEK

We held our annual Healthy Choices Week in October this year. It culminated in a super fun pep rally featuring our 7th & 8th grade band musicians, student athletes (including those who participated in this year's Special Olympiad), homerooms who created cheers promoting healthy choices, and the Killer Pancakes! The weather was perfect and our students were great. Thank you to our school counselors for putting together this awesome event!



*Making Healthy Choices*



# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## Culture Club - Puerto Rico

8th grader, Isabella Williams did a wonderful presentation on her Puerto Rican culture during IA this November. Isabella spoke about many topics: foods and drinks, music and dancing, history, holidays, places to visit and sports. We learned that Puerto Rico is called "Rich Port" in English and that it is also called "La Isla del Encanto" - the Island of Enchantment. She also shared her family traditions and trips to Puerto Rico. We got to see a picture of her eating a Piragua (flavored shaved ice) while she was there! iGracias Isabella for sharing your culture with us!



## Culture Club - Somalia

8th grade student, Asha Omar shared her beautiful Somali culture during IA in October. She spoke about the geography, religion, clothing and food. Sambus is one of her favorite foods. It consists of meat, seasonings, potatoes and onions. Asha also told us personal stories and traditions that she has with her family. We are grateful she shared her culture with us!



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## 6th Grade Students of the Quarter

### 5th Grade Students of the Quarter

Christina Froio shows integrity in the classroom and outside for recess. She picks up equipment that others have left behind and is a positive role model as a student. She shows bravery by participating in class and asking questions. Her smiling face makes our classroom a nice place to be.

Arianna Diaz is brand new to our district, and she has made an incredible transition to her new school. She consistently does the right thing and actively participates in class. She's funny, quick to lend a hand to classmates and teachers, and always ready to learn. We are so excited to have her in our wolf pack family!



Logan Friend has stood out this first quarter for how he leads by example each and every day. His effort and commitment to personal growth is evident in how he advocates for himself and serves as a positive role model for everyone around him. He goes out of his way to include his peers, and is the first to celebrate the success of others. Above all, he carries himself with a positive and humble attitude that is infectious and helps set the tone for the whole class.

Colton Cassidy goes out of his way to make sure all of his classmates are included. He is consistently demonstrating exceptional effort in his studies, genuine kindness toward his peers and faculty, and a level of initiative that sets him apart as a quiet but powerful leader within our school community. He excels not just in one area, but in the embodiment of our school's values. Colton is genuinely kind to everyone, creating a positive and welcoming atmosphere wherever he goes. This kindness is evident in his small, daily actions, such as going out of his way to greet people in the hallway.



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## 7th Grade Students of the Quarter

Anya Fabrizi is incredibly kind and compassionate to those around her. As a new student, she fit in with her peers almost immediately, always displaying her kindness, wit, and respect for others.

Matty Pease has managed to be a leader despite distractions in his class. He stays focused, makes positive contributions and helps others without needing to be asked.



## 8th Grade Students of the Quarter

Karah Wells works so hard to do her best despite every challenge that gets thrown at her. She always has a positive attitude, contributes to class discussions, and makes a plan to stay on track.

We are delighted to recognize Ethan Freund as our Student of the Quarter! Ethan brightens the school every day with a positivity that is truly infectious. More remarkably, he demonstrates an amazing level of integrity that sets a powerful example for all of us. Ethan consistently looks to do the right thing, choosing honesty and responsibility even when no one is watching.



# Onondaga Hill Middle School

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## Hispanic Heritage Month

During the month of October, the 8th grade students of Profesora Maglente's first period class visited 11 homerooms during SEL to share what they researched on a Spanish-speaking country. They spoke in Spanish, but they also translated their knowledge into English. They did an amazing job celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! iExcelente!



## *Holiday Recess*

Monday, December 22nd -  
Friday, January 2nd



# Onondaga Hill Middle School

## Suicide Prevention Month at OHMS "Chalk the Walk"

OHMS hosted several initiatives for Suicide Prevention Month aimed at raising awareness, promoting mental health, and spreading kindness.

Every classroom participated in discussions about suicide prevention and mental health, emphasizing how positive messages can impact our community. Students channeled this energy into creating posters promoting prevention and kindness, which will be displayed throughout the school. The entire OHMS community also came together for Chalk the Walk, covering sidewalks and parking lots with incredible messages and images of hope, resilience, and kindness. The creativity and thoughtfulness displayed by our students were truly uplifting.

We extend a special thank you to Contact Community Services for generously providing some chalk for this event. They also partnered with us earlier this year to set up an information table promoting the vital 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline to our students. We are committed to continuing to spread this crucial awareness.



# WHS Honor Roll 2025-2026 Quarter 1

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**Grade 12**

Amidon, Aiden  
Amorese, Gabriel  
Bruzdzinski III, John  
Buell, Addison  
Burke, Kiley  
Campanella, Tyler  
Carruthers, Adelynn  
Clark, Riley  
Cognato, John  
Colon, Aaliyah  
Curtis, Fenris  
Czaplicki, Benjamin  
D'Agostino, Elizabeth  
DeJesus, Josselyn  
Downs, Blake  
Drumm-O'Brien, Emma  
Eckert, Anna  
Faigle, Grace  
Flood, Jaiden  
Franco, Mason  
Ganley, Caroline  
Gilhooley, Brendan  
Goode, Delaney  
Goode, Hadley  
Goodness, Jackson  
Goodwin, Zachary  
Gorman, Grace  
Hatch, Milo  
Hayes, John  
Hayes, Selina  
Hoffman, Sophia  
Holleran, Liam  
Holstein, Eric  
Hunt, Thomas  
Kaczor, Stella  
Kenny, Ronan  
Kenny, Tiernan  
Kincaid, Cormac  
King, Kayleigh  
Langham, Allison  
Lopez, Collin  
Maines, Aiden  
McGann, Rylee  
McKeon, Hunter  
Militi, Eva  
Moezab, Mohamed  
Mullen, Eileen  
Napolitano, Stella  
Ortiz, Leila  
Parry, Eleanor  
Pens, Kellen  
Perry, Alexa

Peryea, Jayden  
Petrone, Calvin  
Prince, Elias  
Ramos, Carlos  
Raner, McKenzie  
Reilley, Olivia  
Rice, Lorenzo  
Richardson, Carter  
Roach, Meara Jade  
Rudiger, Abigail  
Ryan, Molly  
Sadowski, Andrew  
Sainsbury, Claire  
Sainsbury, Ryan  
Satalin, Erin  
Scarfino, Dominic  
Schmitz, Lily  
Shephard, Madicine  
Shepherd, Ellis  
Shewchuk, Aurora  
Sierotnik, Christopher  
Sisson, Kevin  
Snyder, Samantha  
Somers, Adelynn  
Soule, Madelyn Rose  
Sparks, Olivia  
Stern Jr., Jeremy  
Stotler, Adam  
Stroman, Peter  
Talucci, Gage  
Thompson, Tasheka  
Trotman, Derricka  
Turner, Braelyn  
Tyszka, Alexander  
Valerino, Angelina  
Vaughan, Margaret  
Wallace, Caleb  
Ward, Alexis  
Welch, Elijah  
Wilbur, Jena  
Wilson, Carter  
Winkler, Avery  
Wright, Reagan  
Young, Katherine

**Grade 11**

Abdallah, Sadeen  
Abraham, Sophia  
Alberts, Adeline  
Allen, Brooke  
Allen, Max  
Altheblah, Brahim  
Bagnell, Tatum

Bruzdzinski, Lottie  
Cardoso, Nicolas  
Choe, Austin  
Clarry, Bryson  
Colangelo, Samantha  
Columbus, Kailyn  
Conley, Colleen  
Conroy, Mackenzie  
D'Agostino, Claire  
DeLine, Lucas  
DeMore, Lucy  
Destito, Isabella  
DeTomaso, Giana  
Domick, Isabella  
Edlund, Kiera  
Ellis, Christine  
Enright, Aaliyah  
Etoll, Grady  
Finnerty, Ryan  
Frasier, Jackson  
Gallardo, Isabella  
Garcia, Jamil  
Gehm, Tyler  
Gray, Owen  
Gutierrez, Kamora  
Henesey, Matthew  
Herne, Louis  
Hodkinson, Anna  
Horning, Grace  
Ide, Caitlin  
Jackson, Jake  
Johnson, Sophia  
Kelly, Claire  
Kelly, Teagan  
Kimball, Samantha  
Kinney, Mary  
Kodoe, Andrea-Ann  
Krenrich, Kaitlin  
Lasher, Sophia  
MacLachlan, Thomas  
Maher, Anthony  
Marshall, Ava  
McGann, Sean  
McGee, Felicity  
McNeilly, Hazel  
McRae, Ayanah  
Mersfelder, Tyler  
Montalto, Adelina  
Moore, James  
Murphy, Kaylin  
Murphy, Lucy  
Pawelczyk, Allison  
Pease, Logan

Pendergast, Cooper  
Peterson, Daniel  
Petrone, Madeleine  
Piel, Alexander  
Primiano, Eulalia  
Roberts-DuMont, Cadeanne  
Rogers, Reagan  
Rouse, Brielle  
Ruski, Serenity  
Ryan, Elliott  
Sauer, Parker  
Shephard, Mathew  
Sobotka, Mariusz  
Soule, Eva Marie  
Spasevski, Ivana  
Taylor, Addison  
Terek, Aiden  
Thompkins, Amora  
Tkachuk, Julia  
Vashchishin, Samuel  
Walker, Eli  
Wallace, Ashton  
West, Emma  
Williamson, Cayden  
Wilmot, Owen  
Young, Daniel  
Young, Trevor  
Zhdan, Vitalii  
Zuckerman, Zoe

**Grade 10**

Adams, Julia  
Al Khatib Al Jashi, Yamama  
Al Mamari, Shahd  
Asim, Umamah  
Athanas, Andrew  
Auge, Emmerson  
Auringer, Schuyler  
Beal, JreShawn  
Belcore, Rosella  
Bova, Sophia  
Buckman, Skylar  
Burke, Jameson  
Carroll, Daniel  
Carruth, John Paul  
Cassalia, Patrick  
Cecile, Elsie  
Centore, Angelina  
Ceu, Nun Uk  
Chaddock, Evan  
Cognato, Averie  
Coleman, Reilly  
Columbus, Hannah

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## Grade 10 continued

Cordova, Christian  
Culligan, Brea  
DeFabbio, Sophia  
DelRio, StefFonie  
Dillard Jr., Brandon  
Dixon, Reagan  
Donegan, Redd  
Dowd, Cameron  
Dunbar, Teagan  
Eldred, Jade  
Flegel, Julia  
Francisco, Dean  
Franco, Maxwell  
Gaffney, Liam  
Gaines, Lyla  
Ganley, Daniel  
Gerasimovich, Isabella  
Glover, Charles  
Glover, Henry  
Gridley, Dylan  
Grosso, Eva  
Hamam, Aiham  
Hange, Brooke  
Harris, Kyran  
Hubert, Daniel  
Ibrahim, Ahmad  
Jaquint, Stone  
Kelly, Quinn  
Ketchum, Hayden  
Keyes, Makayla  
Lin, Cayla  
Maestri, David  
Marceau, Adrien  
Marinelli, Joseph  
Martini, Marah  
McMahon, Emmett  
Mesa Espinosa, Ariana  
Mondo, Melissa  
Morales, Willa  
Morse, Shealyn  
Napolitano, Sabine Elise  
Parry, Evangeline Joy  
Pichoske, Nicholas  
Pizarro Fuentes, Edriel  
Platt, Hayden  
Pluff, Katherine  
Powless, Shaniya  
Pratt, Jackson  
Presley, Alexandra  
Rewakowski, Andrew  
Rewakowski, Jacob  
Ritz, Leo

Root, Addison  
Ross, Caleb  
Saad, Saam  
Satalin, David  
Savelesky, Sofia  
Scarfino, Stella  
Scheel, Annabelle  
Schug, McKenzie  
Scott, Khloe  
Scozzari, Samuel  
Seitz, Noah  
Shepherd, Rhys  
Spinner, Kaleigha  
Starowicz, Fiona  
Straub, Emily  
Stroman, Grace  
Tarolli, Thomas  
Tjaden, Julia  
Tremblay, Addyson  
Trotman, Derriion  
Tyszka, William  
Viscome, Cailin  
Wight, Evan  
Zheng, Winnie  
Ziober, Beckham

## Grade 9

Altheblah, Yusuf  
Anderson, Eliana  
Auringer, Giada  
Barcak, Natalie  
Battista, Jacqueline  
Besaw, Jacob  
Boatman, London  
Brown, Juliana  
Buckingham, Rilee  
Burns, Madigan  
Campanella, Luke  
Canavan, Luna  
Canavan, Virginia  
Carroll, Elliott  
Carson, Landon  
Casazza, Annabelle  
Cobb, Logan  
Colangelo, Carmella  
Coleman, Reagan  
Collett, Reagan  
Condon, Madigan  
Cook, Jack  
Corning, Alyse  
Czaplicki, Kate  
DeLine, James  
Destito, Amelia

Dhamoon, Gurtej  
Dimovski, Luka  
Durant, Clark  
Ellis, Nicholas  
Engle, Isabella  
Etoll, Keira  
Flegel, Jackson  
Fowler, Tyler  
Fraser, Brady  
Friend, Connor  
Gallardo, Sophie  
Giannino, Arianna  
Green, Dylan  
Greenfield, Gavin  
Gregory, Jayla  
Gumtow, Evey  
Gumtow, Vita  
Hagan, Albert  
Headd, Matthew  
Hill, Jaylan  
Horning, Anne  
Hubler, Audrey  
Jackson, Griffin  
Johnson, Lyric  
Johnson, Owen  
Judge, Antonia  
Konkol, Khaya  
Krenrich, Emily  
LaSalle, Amelia  
LeFever, Alaina  
Mahoney, Audrey  
Manning, Kierra  
Marshall, Spencer  
McGann, Reese  
Meola, Nicholas  
Montaldo, Eliana  
Morgan, Ella  
O'Brien, Madelynn  
Olesh, Sofia  
Orbino, Isabella  
O'Sullivan, Olivia  
Paparo, Morgan  
Pendergast, Tanner  
Pluff, Shanley  
Pratt, Tyler  
Primiano, Adelina  
Quattrocci, Bryan  
Ramos, Cielo  
Rashid, Teffero  
Reynolds, Abigail  
Robinson, Cassius  
Robinson, Jaliyah  
Rogers, Brian

Rowley, Mya  
Rufus, Levaja  
Scanlon, Michael  
Schilling, Aedan  
Sierotnik, Lillian  
Sisack, Brynna  
Soule, Charles  
Sova, Jeremy  
Sprouse, Eamon  
Stoddard, Franklin  
Storinge, Harry  
Soule, Charles  
Terek, Addison  
Thompson, Trishaniyea  
Tjaden, Trey  
Valenti, Michael  
Walsh, Reagan  
Walsh, Riley  
West, William  
White, Layla  
Wright, Liam  
Zema, Nic  
Zhdan, Yuliia  
Zuckerman, Alexander



# Westhill High School

## WHS Students Teach Spanish at Walberta Park

Students from Mrs. Connors' Level 4 OCC Spanish class brought some color and fun to Walberta Park when they spent some time with the kindergarteners! The high schoolers taught their younger friends a few Spanish words for emotions and colors, like feliz (happy), triste (sad), rojo (red), and azul (blue). Giggles and smiles filled the room as everyone practiced their new vocabulary together.

To make the visit even more special, the students read *I Am a Rainbow* in both English and Spanish. The story tied in perfectly with the kindergarteners' work on the Zones of Regulation, helping them connect colors and feelings in a new way.

It was a bright, cheerful day full of learning, laughter, and a shared love of language!



# Westhill High School

## AP US HISTORY STUDENTS SEE THE MUSICAL "HAMILTON"

Not throwing away their shot, AP US History and AP Government students took their learning beyond the classroom for a special trip to see the musical, Hamilton. The students were able to "be in the room where it happens" thanks to a grant from the Westhill Educational Foundation. The students saw a portrayal of our country's Founding Fathers, the foundations of the American government and how "the world turned upside down!" The blending of history, government and the arts was a unique experience for the students who undoubtedly had lifelong memories made during the field trip.



## COMMENDED STUDENT IN 2026 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

John Bruzdzinski III has been named Commended Student in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. "Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. Congratulations, John!



# Westhill High School

## Top Chef Français 2025!

The Westhill High School French Club was pleased to host their fifth annual French cooking contest!

On October 20, candidates from every grade level had the opportunity to compete in three categories: les entrées (appetizers), les plats principaux (main dishes) and les desserts (desserts). The chefs were evaluated on plating, complexity, their knowledge of the dish; and, of course, taste! Merci to our Westhill foodie judges, Ms. Snell, Ms. Quijano, Mr. Stogsdill and Mr. Maimone, who were happy to sample a variety of foods from various francophone regions. Our esteemed guest judge, Professional Chef Mr. Terrence McRae, lent his expertise as well. Everyone did a great job and their effort was fantastique!

Out of 11 contestants, our winners were:

l'entrée : homemade baguette with fromage de chèvre and poached pears: from Austin Choe & Lucas DeLine  
le plat principal : le coq au vin from Stone Jaquint  
le dessert : la crème brûlée from Ayanah McRae

Austin Choe, Lucas DeLine and Stone Jaquint are previous champions!



# Westhill High School

## Tech Students Get Hand-On at Career Day

On Wednesday, October 22, thirty-three students from Westhill High School's Technology Education department got a hands-on look at construction-related careers. The students traveled to the CNY Regional Market F-Shed to participate in the Central New York Construction Career Day, an event hosted by the Syracuse Builders Exchange. The purpose of the day was to connect high school students with industry professionals and showcase the wide range of opportunities available in the construction and building trades. Our students had the opportunity to speak with representatives from many different companies within the construction field. The event was packed with hands-on activities, allowing students to try their hand at skills like sweating copper joints, virtual welding, and using a framing hammer to nail into a board. Despite the cold, windy, and rainy weather, spirits remained high. A major highlight for the students was the chance to operate heavy machinery. They skillfully completed precision tasks, such as moving a basketball and lifting a tire over a cone, getting a real feel for the power and precision required to operate these machines. The trip was a resounding success. Students enjoyed the experience so much that many of them proudly wore their new hard hats to their 11th-period class when they returned, bringing a piece of their inspiring day back to Westhill.



# Westhill High School

## Leaders of the Pack

### October

#### Michael Valenti - 9th Grade:

Michael is an excellent student who always keeps other classmates on task and engaged. He is willing to work with any student in class to help them do their best. Not only is Michael a leader, but he is also compassionate and kind to all people around him. Keep up the great work Michael!

#### Ariana Mesa Espinosa - 10th Grade:

At the end of last year, a woman from the community fell in front of the school. Ariana called for help and stayed with the woman until help showed up. Ariana showed incredible kindness and compassion for the woman and her well being. The woman even commented on how kind Ariana was to her. Ariana showed what it means to be the Leader of the Pack and showing kindness to others. We are so proud of you Ariana!

#### Aaliyah Enright - 11th Grade (Nominated by Mrs. Rodgers):

Aaliyah exemplifies “Leader of the Pack” traits through her hard work, clear communication, and genuine interest in learning. She stays on top of her work, volunteers to help when others are absent, and supports classmates with kindness and collaboration. She also shares and discusses books she enjoys with her teachers, showing her love of reading. Aaliyah’s hard work and kindness make her a shining example of what it means to be a leader in our school community.

#### Ryan Sainsbury - 12th Grade:

As a senior, Ryan goes above and beyond to make sure everyone in class feels valued and included. He works well with others, always encouraging teamwork and collaboration. Whether helping a classmate understand an assignment or stepping up to support group projects, he leads with kindness and a genuine desire to make everyone feel like part of the team. Ryan truly embodies the spirit of community and leadership that makes our school great!



# District News

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## Walberta Park Elementary School News

### Attention Incoming Kindergarten Parents 2026-2027 School Year

Registration for the 2026-2027 Kindergarten class at Walberta Park School is approaching.

If you have a child who will be five on or before December 1, 2026, please follow these simple steps:



1. Click on the link or QR code below to go to the Westhill CSD Registration page.
2. Please read ALL of the directions before proceeding to the Online Pre-Registration link.
3. Complete the online pre-registration by January 9th and 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)
  - Primary proof (1) of district residency (copy of deed, mortgage statement, lease or rental agreement)
  - Secondary proof (1) of residency (auto or home owners insurance card, pay stub)
  - Physical & immunization records (can be sent in later after the 5 year check up)

\* If you do not have internet access, contact Walberta Park School Main Office at 315-426-3200 and we will provide you with an alternate packet.

4. Please fill out the packet completely and return it to Walberta Park School between February 2nd and February 6th. You can mail it, drop it off or email it. There will not be an in-person registration day.
5. Once your child is registered, you will receive a link to sign your child up for our kindergarten screening which will take place in April and May, specific dates to be determined. 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. If you are not going to be sending your child to kindergarten at Walberta Park School, please email [bwhite@westhillschools.org](mailto:bwhite@westhillschools.org) and you will be taken off our current kindergarten list.
7. A kindergarten orientation will be held for students and parents on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. More information will be forthcoming.
8. Student hours for the 2026-2027 school year are 8:40am to 3:00pm.
9. Questions, please contact us at 315-426-3200 or [wps.main.office@westhillschools.org](mailto:wps.main.office@westhillschools.org).

Online Pre-Registration link: <https://cnyric09.schooltool.com/Westhill/onlinepreregistration/>



# District News

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## English as a New Language (ENL) Graduation

On October 9th, Westhill School District proudly hosted its 3rd annual English as a New Language (ENL) Graduation Ceremony! This is a special occasion to honor the achievements of students who have reached the commanding level of English proficiency. The ceremony celebrated those who tested at this proficient level in the spring of 2025, marking a significant milestone in their language learning journey. This event also served as a warm welcome for new families joining the ENL program, creating a sense of community and support among both graduating and incoming students. Our recent graduates stand as an inspiration to those just beginning their ENL journey, showcasing the dedication, resilience, and hard work required to succeed. We are incredibly proud of all our graduates for attaining this challenging achievement. We look forward to watching each of you continue to excel. Congratulations on this tremendous accomplishment!



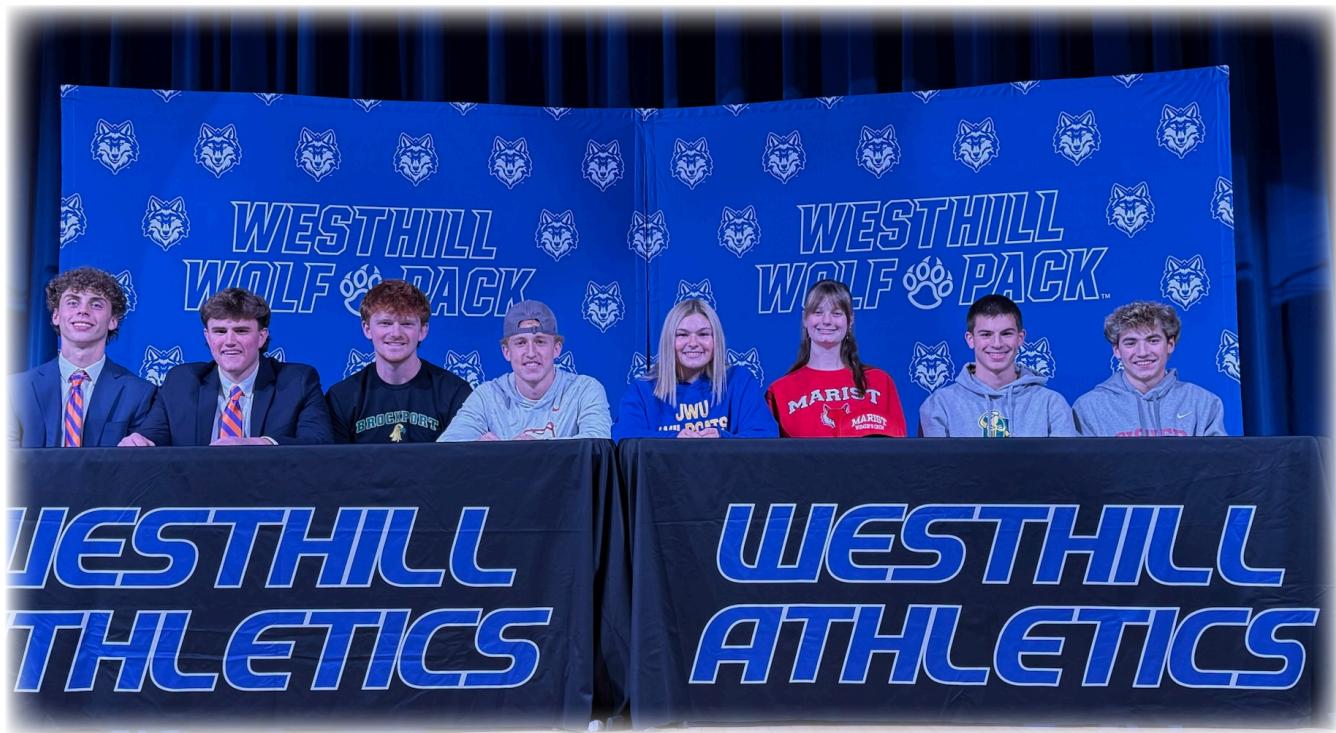
# Athletics

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## Westhill Athletic's College Commitment Day 2025

On November 12th, 2025 surrounded by their families, friends, teammates and coaches, eight Westhill seniors signed their letters of commitment to participate in athletics at the collegiate level. The following student athletes will participate in intercollegiate athletics next year:

Grace Faigle - Marist College - Crew  
Jack Hayes - Clarkson University - Lacrosse  
Eric Holstein - SUNY Cortland - Soccer  
Tommy Hunt - Hobart College - Baseball  
Eva Militi - Johnson and Wales University - Volleyball  
Andrew Mondo - St. John Fisher University - Lacrosse  
Kellen Pens - SUNY Brockport - Baseball  
Peter Stroman - Hobart College - Baseball



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## ***Fall Teams Earn NYSPHSAA Academic Honors***

At the end of each sports season, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams, and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success. To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90%. If a team does not meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90% or above GPA are considered individual Scholar-Athletes.

This fall, Westhill had seven out of our eight varsity teams earning the team honor. Scholar Teams included girls' cross country, boys' cross country, girls' tennis, boys' golf, volleyball, girls' soccer and boys' soccer. Westhill had 162 varsity student athletes participating in the fall sports program with 109 of them earning a 90% or greater average for the 1st quarter. Congratulations student athletes!

