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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 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. Ziober 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.



Cherry Road School

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

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

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
Agle, 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, Juliana
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, Jahsai
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
Viavattine, 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
Ayes, Eliana
Bandel, Kendra
Bidnyi, Matthew
Byrd, Kemiya
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, Ilithyia
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
Preville, Chase
Price, Seamus
Prince, Eva
Ritz, Eliza
Rotolo, Mason
Rudiger, Connor
Russo, Anelia
Samhammer, John
Schilling, Declan
Seymour, Kaleah
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
Banga, 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
Skrypnik, 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

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! ¡Gracias 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!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

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!



6th Grade Students of the Quarter

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.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

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

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! ¡Excelente!



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

Grade 12

Amidon, Aiden
 Amorese, Gabriel
 Bruzdinski 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
 Tysza, 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

Bruzdinski, 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
 Hodgkinson, 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, Elliette
 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, Derrion
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
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Gallardo, Sophie
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West, William
White, Layla
Wright, Liam
Zema, Nic
Zhdan, Yuliia
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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!



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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 Bruzdinski 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!



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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!



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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.



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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

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 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.

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



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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!

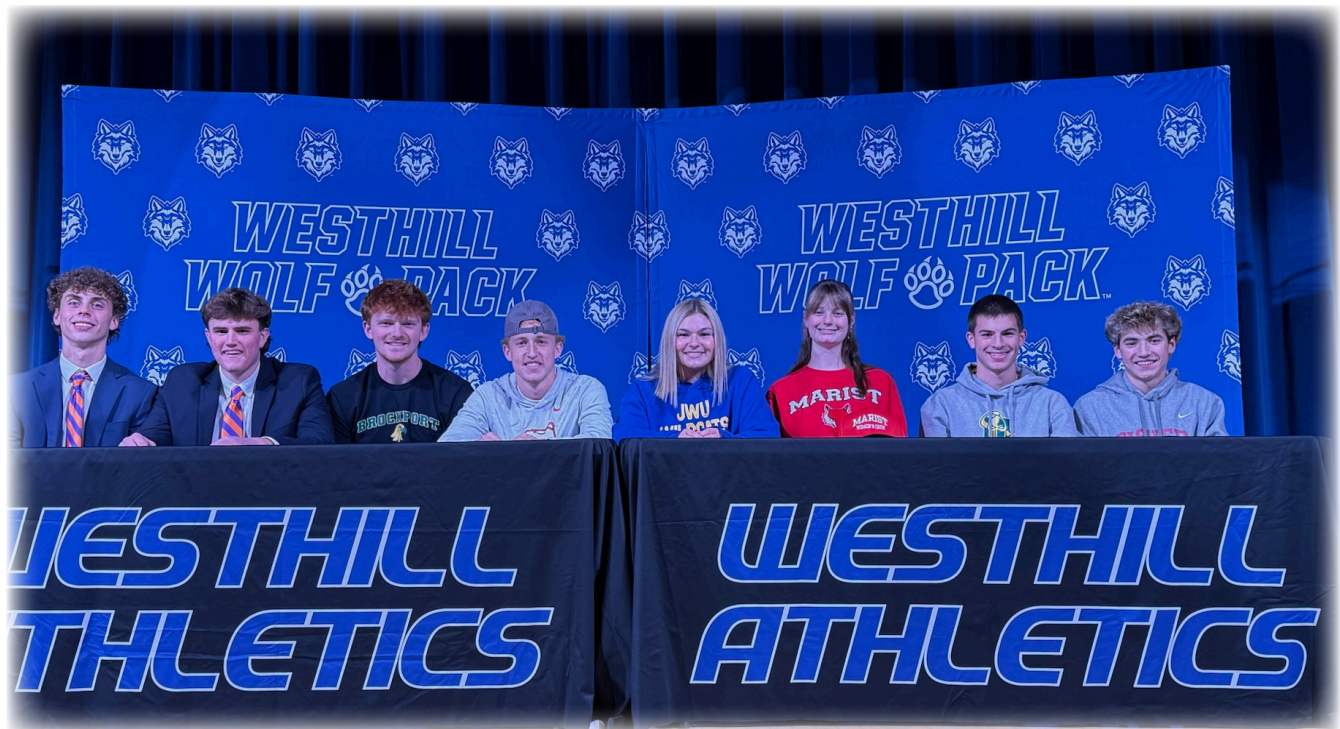


Athletics

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 Mili - 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!

