



Graduation Honors

Valedictorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.157, Sarah Schwartz is the Westhill High School Class of 2020 valedictorian. Sarah has maintained an extremely rigorous course schedule throughout high school and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. She is a recipient of the NYSED Academic Excellence Award and earned the Old English "W" Award for her fourth year in a row. Outside of the classroom, Sarah is an accomplished athlete, artist and musician. As a senior captain of our girl's volleyball team, Sarah led her teammates through the State Tournament to capture their second Class B State Championship. Sarah was named to the All-Tournament team and also received the Sportsmanship award from the tournament committee. She was named to the All-League team for the second year in a row, as well as being named to the All-CNY team and 2nd Team All-State for 2019. On the stage, Sarah played important roles in every production of the Westhill Masquers Club and the Westhill Drama Club over her high school career. Musically, Sarah was a member of Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Concert Choir, Women's Ensemble and the Westhill Singers. In addition to all of these academic and co-curricular achievements, Sarah also found time to co-edit the 2020 Westhill High School Yearbook. Sarah plans to attend Hofstra University in the fall, majoring in film studies and production with a minor in drama. Congratulations to Sarah Schwartz for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2020 Valedictorian!



Salutatorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 102.013, Jacob Fricano is the Class of 2020 salutatorian. Jacob has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. He is a 2020 recipient of the Giemza-Balduzzi Scholarship, the NYSED Academic Excellence Award, as well as the American Citizenship Award. Jacob is also a talented musician, participating in Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab, Percussion Ensemble and has been a regular member of the Pit Band for our Westhill Masquers Club productions. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Jacob has been a three sport athlete for all four years at Westhill High School. In cross country, Jacob won two Sectional Championships, was a State Championship runner-up and was named team MVP for his senior campaign. He was also part of the All-CNY 4x800 team for indoor track, which won the State Qualifier Meet. When Jacob was not playing tennis in the spring, he was a member of our outdoor track team, earning numerous All-League honors. Jacob will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall majoring in Computer Science with the intention to become a Software Engineer, possibly in the field of data analytics or machine learning. Congratulations to Jacob Fricano for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2020 Salutatorian!



Westhill High School

Most Outstanding Boy and Girl

The Most Outstanding Boy and Girl is a tradition established by Westhill's founders. Students who are named Most Outstanding Boy and Girl receive such honors because they have been identified as representing the entire Westhill High School program. They not only achieve academically, but also are involved in a variety of school activities and give service to the school. A committee of teachers, administrators, and students choose the Most Outstanding Boy and Girl.



Outstanding Girl

Elizabeth Kessler was selected as the Class of 2020 Most Outstanding Girl. Liz earned an academic GPA of 94.813, having completed Honors level, AP and OCC course work during her high school career. She will attend Lenoir-Rhyne University in the fall, studying Biology with the intention of becoming a Physician's Assistant. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society, as well as a member of the Character Ed Club, French Club, Yearbook and Masquers Club. Liz has served her classmates as Class President for the past three years, playing a crucial role in planning and organizing senior events during this unprecedented spring season. Liz is also an accomplished three-season student-athlete, utilizing her skill as a runner on the Westhill cross-country, indoor, and outdoor track teams where she has won multiple Sectional Championships and earned many All-League honors. Liz will continue her athletic career at Lenoir-Rhyne where she earned an athletic scholarship. Congratulations to Elizabeth Kessler for being selected as the 2020 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Girl!

Outstanding Boy

The class of 2020 Most Outstanding Boy award recipient is Oluwafeyisayo Ajagbe. Sayo will graduate with a 96.118 academic GPA and will attend Cornell University in the fall to study Biological Science with the intention of becoming a physician. Sayo has completed Honors level, AP, OCC and SUPA course work during his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society, President of the French National Honor Society and Secretary of the Tri-M National Honor Society for Music. As a musician, Sayo is a member of Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab and Percussion Ensemble. During his senior year, Sayo served as the Student Council Secretary, helping organize important events like Homecoming and the Semi-Formal Dance. Congratulations to Oluwafeyisayo Ajagbe for being selected as the 2020 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Boy!



Westhill High School

Old English “W” Recipients

The Old English “W” is a traditional Westhill award bestowed on the individual male and female students who have earned the highest academic grade point average for their respective grade levels for the current school year. The Old English “W” is one of Westhill’s most honored traditions. Listed below are this year’s recipients and their academic GPA for this school year.

9th grade

Charlotte Roth 103.600
Justin Nowicki 102.667

10th grade

Isabella Jones 102.200 (2nd year in a row)
Liam Mahar 101.667

11th grade

Banga Harshdeep 102.333
Cristian Malone 103.000 (3rd year in a row)

12th grade

Josiah Miggiani 103.111
Sarah Schwartz 104.778 (4th year in a row)

Warriors of the Month

MAY

9th Grade: Lucas Stiner demonstrates a true love for learning and commitment to excellence. He consistently challenges himself by choosing difficult texts to read, and he diligently completes all assignments to the best of his ability. He never settles for less than his personal best, and was resourceful with any technology issues during distance learning. He stands out among his peers because of his quiet dedication to learning that goes beyond the desire for good grades but focuses on his own personal growth. Although Lucas does not seek the spotlight, he is truly worthy of being awarded and celebrated as Warrior of the Month.

10th Grade: Grace Winkler continued to go above and beyond what is expected of her while distance learning. She is diligent in her work and performs at the highest level. Her warm personality in class can make anyone smile. Keep up the great work, Grace!

11th Grade: Harshdeep Banga demonstrated an incredible dedication to improving his writing abilities during this COVID-19 period. He asked for additional feedback beyond what is required for class, and was considerate and understanding in his requests. Harshdeep regularly attended Meets for class and asked questions that benefited the entire AP class. Harshdeep is a respectful, friendly student who makes the Westhill community brighter.

12th Grade: Nathan Fricano is curious, a leader and is friendly to adults as well as his peers. Nathan is a good student and is the workhorse for the Electrathon Race team. Nathan simply makes other people’s day better. Congratulations, Nathan!

Paint Westvale Purple Essay Winners

While the PWP 5K and 1 Mile Color Run were cancelled for this year, the PWP Committee would like to announce the winners of the student essay contest. Edan Mitchell, a first grader in Mrs. Snyder’s class, won with her essay on ALS and the ALS Association Upstate New York Chapter. Annie Horning, a 3rd grader in Mrs. Neumire’s class, won for her essay about Second Chance Canine Adoption Shelter. Second Chance is an animal shelter in Jamesville that takes in stray dogs from the city of Syracuse to be cared for by inmates at the Jamesville Correctional Facility. There were two winners at the middle school, Braelyn Turner in the 5th/6th grade category and Julianna Terek in the 7th/ 8th grade category. Braelyn wrote about the Tuberos Sclerosis Alliance. Julianna won with her essay advocating for Autism Speaks. At the high school, senior, Izzy Valenti, won with her essay on the Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations to all of the essay contest winners, and many thanks to all students who participated. Special thanks to WHS English teacher, Sarah Starowicz, and OHMS English teacher, Karen McPeak, for overseeing the contest, as well as to the WHS Future Educators Club for serving as our judges.

WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019-2020

Grade 12

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisayo
Bendall, Lauren Elizabeth
Bistrovich, Nikolas John
Bradley, Jackson Thomas
Bryant, Rusden Patrick
Criollo, Henry
Cronin, Abigail Lynn
Cundall, Geoffrey Robert F.
Daniul, Jacob Rae
Davis, William Machold-Sheldon
Derrick, Chelsea Lynn
Dillon, Rachel Terese
Domanski, Alyssa Rose
Ferrara, Michael Patrick
Fountain, Spencer Francis
Fricano, Jacob Steven
Fricano, Nathan Lawrence
Frost, Sophia Ilene
Galante, Sara Marie
Geer, Reilly Erwin
Gere, Jenna
Gilhooley, Rebecca Sue
Grabda, Christopher Cosselmon
Hagrman, Kyle Evan
Heffernan, Ashley Nicole
Holstein, Lauren Elizabeth
Hubert, Anne Martha
Hunt, Margaret Fitzgi
Hunter, William Daniel
Kelly, Luke Patrick
Kessler, Elizabeth Anne
King, Adam Stephen
Kinney, Garvin Thomas
Larrabee, Jenna Kathryn
Lasher, Julia Estelle
Leonardo, Benjamin Jacob
Lesselroth, Grace Ann
Lyons, Allison Mary
MacBain, Scott Matthew
Mahaney, Payton Virginia
Mahoney, Alice Margaret
Mannion, Quinn Patricia
Marshall, Lauren Elizabeth
Masterpole, Ellie May
McMahon, Grace Helen
McQueeney, Aline Nicole
Miggiani, Josiah Ethan
Mitchell, Jonathan Fitzpatrick
Murphy, Ryan Rebecca
O'Hearn, Trevor Daniel
O'Reilly, Emily Brennon

Patrie, Shawn Michael
Peck, Colton Skyler
Remillard, Will Clemo
Richmond, Kaley Ann
Rudnick, Ciarra Michelle
Satalin, Meghan Teresa
Savage, Michael Patrick
Schwartz, Sarah Catherine
Sexton, Brianna Odell
Sheridan, Sarah Mae
Sullivan, Brendan Terrance
Sullivan, Molly Grace
Thomas, Mya Tyne
Valenti, Izabella Rose

Grade 11

Agostini, Paige Elizabeth
Banga, Harshdeep Singh
Bealer, Madison Jean
Bergett, Luke Jeffrey
Blossey, Emma Margaret
Bobbett, Jack Stewart
Bolesh, Olivia Kathleen
Britt, Michael Philip
Caputo, Kwinn Nicholas
Caron, Sophia Terese
Centore, Henry Joseph
Clancy, Ryan Michael
Clayton, Kyle Thomas
Curley, Raeann Brooke
Derrenbacher, Eden Clara
Dorfman, Cassie Grace
Doss, Jada Opal
Felter, Tess Elizabeth
Fitzgerald, Anne Kate
Grooms, Griffin Richard
Hunt, James Edward
King, Benjamin John
Langdon, Sophie V.
LaParne, Katherine Grace
Locke, Kassadi
Lougen, Justin James
Madigan, Emily Drew
Malone, Cristian Michael
Markham, Ella Marie
McMahon, Maggie Rose
McPeak, Katherine Anne
Niezabytowski, Cameron Scott
Nowicki, Kylie Sierra
Powers, Jackson Lewis
Rey, Isabella Marie
Richardson, Morgan Anne

Robb, Ava Kathleen
Robbins, Makenna Elise
Rubino, Christian James
Rubino, Sophia Rose
Ryan, Maeve Janice
Shanahan, Madison Reilly
Shepherd, Ian James
Smith, Hope Christina
Speicher, Cael
Speicher, Payne
Tarolli, Vincent Matthew
Thomas, Madison Alexis
Thomas, Myshaun Myron
VanBuren, Matthew Jeffrey
VanOrnam, Kaleb Ward
Vigliotti, Andrea Lynn
Wiezalis, Amanda Kelly
Wilsch, Mairead Norine
Wisner, Taryn Anne
Yeates, Jack William
Zawadzki, Jake Evan
Zollo, Brooke Olivia

Grade 10

Adams, Abigail Katherine
Adams, Alanna Michelle
Albert, Nicolette Parody
Alberts, Alexandra Helene
Allen, Brian Alexander
Argentieri, Francesca Eade
Balduzzi, Sarah Marie
Battista, Kaylin Amanda
Burkett, Travis Michael
Cardoso, Isabella Grace
Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey
Carrock, Daniel Peter
Carroll, Delaney Rose
Castracane, Anthony Michael
Centore, Sofia Grace
Colucci, Rachel
Czyz, Sean
D'Agostino, Ryan Andrew
Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie
Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
Elias, Angelina Rose
Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
Fountain, Kendall Marie
Gangemi, Emily Jo
Gorman, Emma Kathryn
Grabau III, William John
Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
Greeson, Benjamin Robert

WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019-2020

Grade 10 continued

Grooms, Riley Kathryn
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Herrera, Mia Pilar
Hunter, Claire Terese
Johnston, Hannah Rose
Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony
Kestler, Ashley Marie
Kilaru, Narmada Sai
Kirkby Jr., Rodney
Knoll, Charles James
Loose, Cassidy Rae
Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth
MacCaul, Kyle Matthew
Mahar, Liam Patrick
Mahoney, Patrick Bernard
Mannion, Brady O'Brien
Mathews, Alvin
McGlynn, Ella Marie
McMahon, Clare Caitlin
McQueeney, Julia Noel
Mesa-Espinosa, Angie
Metzgar, Quinton Khan
Miggiani, Abigail Chloe
Milham, Julia Pauline
Moore, Anthony
Mulholland, Brandon Michael
O'Connell, Gracelyn
Ostuni, Jordyn Rae
Patrie, Colleen Theresa
Pecheny, Natalia
Pelsue, Matthew Thomas
Pens, Quinn Maria
Procopio, Nathan Donald
Rewakowski, Noah Daniel
Rimkevitz, Ty Joseph
Rodgers, Aidan Nicholas
Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph
Russell, Julia Marie
Sampo, Isabella Grace
Satalin, John Ryan
Schwartz, Christopher Brian
Scott, Mia Sara

Stanton, John Thomas
Starowicz, Hannah Louise
Thabet, Amin
Thomas, Ben Sener
Thornton, Bridget Ann
Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn
Townsend, Michael David
Voltz, Jason
Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth
Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

Grade 9

Abdelfatah, Gisele
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore
Alt, Leonard
Bealer, Morgan Sierra
Bendall, Katherine Jill
BenYehuda, Ella
Bistrovich, Sydney Elise
Bleskoski, Julianne Terese
Bolesh, Ashley Susan
Caccamo, Mackenzie Erin
Carter, Ashley Knobel
Carter, Brooke Kelly
Centore, Bohdan Patrick
Clos, Mallory Margarete
Cottrell, Abigail Mae
Cowin, Alexander
Curtis, Julian
Czaplicki, Kalista Jane
Delay, Kieran Michael
Dillabough, Karly
Donegan, Ryan Flaherty
Dwyer, Megan
Feliu, Kaelin Grace
Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy
Gilmartin, Luke
Gonnella, Olivia
Goode, Aidan William
Graf, Simon Michael
Gwilt, Julianna Rose
Heise, Mackenzie Grace
Holowinski, Olivia Marie
Horner, Lizzie

Hynes, Lee Michael
Kelly, McKenna Eileen
Kerr, Aiden Jay
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica Marie
LoFaro, Nicole
Lowery, Adelaide Margaret
Lubel, Margaret Anna
Markham, Iris Mary
Mayes, Shawn William
McGann, Karlie Elizabeth
McQueeney, Lia Clare
Mersfelder, Mia
Militello, Samuel
Militi, Vittoria
Naughton, Ryan
Nowicki, Justin Jacob
Olesh, Timofey
Osorio, Anthony
Pagano, Anthony Christopher
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
Richardson, Brady Stephen
Richmond, Olivia Jean
Rizzo, Alaina Marie
Robinson, Janiah Jada
Roesch, Teresa
Rogers, Sean Patrick
Rose, Kennedy Elizabeth
Rosenberger, Anna Kerr
Roth, Charlotte
Ryan, Aidan Christopher
Schmitz, Hannah Elizabeth
Scrimale, Nicoletta Rose
Snyder, Mary Katherine
Sondej, Andrew
Starowicz, Emmet
Stephenson, Sean Michael
Stiner, Lucas Marcos
Taber, Bradyn Shea
Thabet, Ilham
Varco, Enzo Giuseppe
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney Jean

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019–2020

Grade 8 High Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Ayesha
Altheblah, Hasan
Borne, Gavin Reed
Burdick, Bryce Griffith
Caloia, Cade Anthony
Campanella, Jack Salvatore
Carroll, Alden
Chandler, Tobias John
Cognato, Nina Grace
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
Dabbiero, Joshua Anthony
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton James
Dimovski, Sofia Maria
Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Finnerty II, Sean P.
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Gray, Gracelyn
Gross, Adriana Jane
Herrera, Elle Madison
Hogan, Jameson Patrick
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kestler, Michael
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Kleberg, Elena Rose
Knohl, Caitlyn Frances
Knohl, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Kohanski, Morgan Emily
Korrie, Alexa
Kurgan, Michael Albert
Lancette, Alison Taylor
Lopez, Cameron James
MacLachlan, Nathan Willard
Madigan III, Michael Francis
Mahar, Owen Michael
Mahoney, Rosemary Elizabeth
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Medeiros Jr., Steven John
Menon, Caroline Olivia
Menon, Myra Sophie
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth
O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Paetow, Emma

Pens, Grady Alwyn
Phillips, Marissa Anne
Plochocki, Alexander Vercingetorix
Raner, Tyler James
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Rogers, Kathleen Margaret
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Sanborn, Kemery Elizabeth
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Sherwood, Ryan Matthew
Smithers, Samuel Thomas
Smyth, Shay Thomas
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stanton, Jane Catherine
Stiner, Mia Stephanie
Stiner, William Patrick
Suddaby, Jackson William
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna Marie
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Thornton, Ellie Grace
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
Walsh, Maggie
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen
Young, Isabel
Young, Liliana
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph
Zema, Rose Marie
Zollo, Lauren Marie

Grade 7 High Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
Antoine, Ava
Balduzzi, Emily
Baty, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Burns, Phoebe
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
DeLine, William
Detor, Claire Ann
Dorfman, Molly Claire
Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Gedney, Ellianna Kathleen
Goral, Kaylee Ann
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma

Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Hart, Mikayla
Hayes V, Robert
Heindel, Alexis Marie
Heise, Morgan Lindsay
Henesey, Luke
Holowinski, Aubrey
Klamm, Jeremiah James
Kodoe, Godwin
LaReau, Abigail
Loveless, Lillian
MacBain, Sydney
McGann, Julie
Medeiros, Sydney
Metzgar, Julian
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
Pawelczyk, Ashley
Ramsing, Cadence Marie
Rienhardt, Emily
Robinson, Omar
Rose, Conor James
Rosenberger, Kara
Scanlon, William
Sheridan, Riley
Siple, Helena Eve
Sisack, Emlyn
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Thabet, Sabri
Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 6 High Honor

Aguayo, Isabella Amada
Amidon, Aiden Christopher
Bezigion, Violet Claire
Bruzdziński III, John Francis
Buell, Addison Ann
Campanella, Tyler David
Carroll, Miles Alexander
Carruthers, Adelynn Grace
Cognato, John Michael
Cowin, Maxwell Thomas
Curtis, Fenris Takahiro
Czaplicki, Benjamin Charles
Dalton, Emily Grace
Deng, Ellyana
Drumm-O'Brien, Emma Lynn
Eckert, Anna Mary
Ganley, Caroline Eloise
Gilhooley, Brendan William
Goode, Delaney Christa

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2019–2020

Grade 6 High Honor continued

Goode, Hadley Martha
Goodness, Jackson Edward
Gorman, Grace Mary
Hayes, John Edward
Hayes, Selina Kathryn
Hoffman, Sophia Rose
Holleran, Liam Daniel
Holstein, Eric Vaughn
Hunt, Thomas John
Jackson, Anna May
King, Kayleigh Joan
Lopez, Collin Ramiro
MacLachlan, Katherine Jane
May, Ella
McKeon, Hunter Robert
Mondo, Andrew Jacob
Napolitano, Stella Camille
Olesh, Anita
Parry, Eleanor Rose
Pellegrino, Brandon Michael
Pens, Kellen Shepherd
Perry, Alexa Jordyn
Pope, Sienna
Prince, Elias
Ramos, Carlos
Rice, Lorenzo
Roach, Meara Jade
Rudiger, Abigail Leyden
Ryan, Molly Kathleen
Sadowski, Andrew James
Sainsbury, Claire Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Ryan Edmund
Scarfino, Dominic Francis
Schmitz, Lily Marie
Sierotnik, Christopher John Jr.
Sisson, Kevin Edward
Snyder, Amie Helen
Snyder, Meghan Elizabeth
Sommer, Adele Kathryn
Soule, Madelyn Rose
Sparks, Olivia Michelle
Speer, Trinity
Stroman, Peter Edward
Talbot, Mya Irene
Thabet, Layal Adam
Thabet, Rudayna Nagib
Turner, Braelyn Elizabeth
Tyszka, Alexander Raymond
Valerino, Angelina Marie
Vaughan, Margaret Colleen
Ward, Alexis Veronica
Wilbur, Jena Marie
Wright, Reagan Cathryn
Young, Katherine Rose

Grade 8 Honor

Amorese, Vincent Stefan
Battista, Megan Elizabeth
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Cassoni, Allyssa
Clarry, Adam
Cottrell, Catherine Grace
Darling, Damon Lukas
DeSanto, Emma
Etoll, Owen Charlie
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Lasher, Ava Mary
Leonardo, Isabel Christine
Maines, Owen Daniel
Monthei-Bryant, Jacob
Nojaim, Carlos Daniel
Rinaldi, Emily Elizabeth
Rivas-Velazquez, Nyleishka Aileen
Saini, Danish
Spencer, Taylor Anna
Van Epps, Jack Brendan
White, Azaria
Williams, Jaedan

Grade 7 Honor

Adams, Alexandra Malaya
Agle, Lucas
Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille Mae
Andrella, Dylan
Bleskoski, Jordin Beth
Bova, Michael James
Cowin, Timothy
Donegan, Sophia
Driesbach, Caleb
Eldred, Zane
Ferrer-Menendez, Emma Lira
Getz, Austin William
Glatt, Cameron Joseph
Glover, Michael
Griffin, Maxwell Sean
Jetter, Siena
Joyce, Camaryn
Juman, Eli Stuart
Kelly, Caleigh Grace
Kelly, Colin William
Kimball, Lauren
Macko, Jacob
Mathews, Camryn Jaye
Mattox, Aliyah Elizabeth
Murphy, Jonathan Immanuel Michael
Pease, Jack Ryan
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria
Roesch, Elizabeth Rose

Sampo, Anthony Richard
Scheel, Nicholas
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Simpson, Juakin Kareem
Stanton, Laura Rose
Valenti, Claire Elisabeth
Valenti, Roman Paul
Vashchishin, Anna
Williams, Amaya

Grade 6 Honor

Alogaily, Sultan Abdulrahman
Amorese, Gabriel Paul
Buckley, Grace Marie
Clark, Riley Paige
Colon, Aaliyah
Currier, Tahjiar Marquis
D'Agostino, Elizabeth Mary
Downs, Blake Aaron
Franco, Mason Richard
Goodwin, Zachary James
Hamel, Lawrence Matthew
Kaczor, Stella Claire
Kincaid, Cormac James
Kohanski, Adriana Julia
Lippert, Lily Mae
Maines, Aiden
Militi, Eva Concetta
Mullen, Eileen
Ortiz, Leila Susan
Peryea, Jayden
Richardson, Carter William
Satalin, Erin Elizabeth
Sewall, Marjala
Shanahan, Kari Ann
Shepherd, Ellis Jaxon
Shewchuk, Aurora Grace
Snyder, Samantha Anne
Somers, Adelynn Rose
Stephenson, Matthew
Swierk, Paige Marie
Wilson, Carter Wayne
Winkler, Avery Catherine

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Doug Hutson Student Leadership Award

The Doug Hutson Student Leadership Award was established to honor Doug Hutson, retired principal of Onondaga Hill Middle School, who dedicated nearly 20 years to the Westhill School District. Each year, one 8th grade girl and one 8th grade boy are selected according to the established selection criteria, which include standing up for others, making good choices and treating others with respect and compassion. This year's winners are Sofia Dimovski and Bryce Burdick. Congratulations!



Tara McMahon Award

The Tara McMahon Award was established to honor Tara who was a well-known student who passed away in 2016. One 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl are selected each year to honor Tara. The criteria include, passion for music, caring and compassionate, includes peers in activities and willing to help others. This year's Tara McMahon winners are Shamus Edlund and Lily Young. Congratulations!



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

May

5th Grade: Lucas DeLine is a very hard working and empathetic student. He put a lot of effort into his 5th grade year including the distance learning work. He is always willing to put in extra time to make sure he does his best work. His classmates enjoy his sense of humor!

6th Grade: Madelyn Soule brought the school community to life despite the challenges of distance learning. She brightened her teachers' and peers' week by creating cheerful videos every Friday, all while turning in outstanding work of her own! She was the first to celebrate a classmate's birthday virtually or give a technological helping hand during a Google Meet. Madelyn's teachers are so proud of her!

7th Grade: Liam DeLine really went above and beyond with distance learning. He completed assignments on-time, asked for help when needed, joined any real-time interactive activity that was posted and was always polite when emailing/messaging. Way to knock distance learning out of the park, Liam!

8th Grade: Caroline and Myra Menon have been great additions to OHMS. While each are unique in their own way, they are both really hard working and very enthusiastic about learning. They are always eager to go above and beyond in all they do. They are kind, helpful to peers and teachers, musically talented, responsible and have a positive attitude!

June

5th Grade: Brooke Allen is very kind and considerate to all of her teachers and classmates. She worked very hard during distance learning. She was a part of every Google Meet and completed every assignment. Brooke checked in and asked questions to make sure she was on the right track.

6th Grade: Loyal Thabet persevered throughout distance learning. She always went above and beyond with anything that she did in school or with distance learning. Loyal is thoughtful and kind to her classmates and teachers. She always has a smile on her face. Loyal exhibits so many P2 character traits on a daily basis.

7th Grade: Ava Antoine is conscientious and is actively engaged in learning whether it's distance learning or in the classroom. She is mature, hard working, conscientious and kind to everyone. Keep up the hard work, Ava!

8th Grade: Shay Smyth has grown in leaps and bounds during his middle school years. He always has a smile on his face and has a great sense of humor. He has demonstrated tremendous effort and participation both in the classroom and through distance learning. Many of his peers (and teachers) admire his athleticism and coordination. And boy can he juggle.

Moving Up Night

Thanks to our parent volunteers led by Kerry Lopez and our teachers/staff, OHMS held a Moving Up Night celebration on Thursday, June 10 for our 8th grade students. Each student was announced as they officially "moved up" to the high school. The students received a Class of 2024 backpack with the class video and the class of 2024 t-shirt. It was a great night to see our students again prior to them moving onto the high school.



Cherry Road School

And The Winners Are...

At the culmination of every school year, Cherry Road honors our fourth grade students with two different awards. The Marion Parsons Achievement Award is awarded to a boy and girl in the fourth grade class that exemplifies the qualities Mrs. Parsons held most dear to her. Having a high moral character, being a well-developed citizen, achieving scholastically across the year and having a set of diversified interests all make students eligible for this award. This award recipient is determined through a collaboration between the fourth grade teachers and the administrator at Cherry Road School.

The Ronald Hill School Spirit Award is awarded to a separate fourth grade boy and girl that demonstrate exemplary character traits that Mr. Hill exemplified while principal at Cherry Road. Some of these traits include kindness, patience, empathy, a sensitivity towards fairness, a willingness to help others, being able to persevere when presented with challenges, as well as demonstrating a good sense of humor. This award recipient is also determined through a collaboration between fourth grade teachers and the administrator at Cherry Road School.

For the 2019- 2020 school year, the staff at Cherry Road would like to honor the following students:

Marion Parsons Achievement Award Winners

Emma Collacchi and Will Tyszka

Ronald Hill School Spirit Award Winners

Julia Flegel and Jack Carruth



A Closing To Remember

As we were not able to come together as normal for our 4th grade moving on ceremony this year, the Cherry Road team, working with WEST, created an individualized moving on event for each 4th grader. Each student and their family had the opportunity to sign up for a time to come to the school to take their moving on picture on the front steps of the school. After that, each student was greeted by their teacher and the WEST organization and received a small "goodie bag" filled with fun gifts to mark this occasion. This event allowed each student a personal moment to say goodbye to their teacher and the school they have spent the last three years in. We wish all our 4th graders well as they move on to the Onondaga Hill Middle School and will certainly miss them all!

Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools

Flag Day

On May 12 Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools celebrated Flag Day in style. While the pandemic has forced many changes and cancellations this year, Mr. Auge and Mr. King along with our teams of teachers were determined not to let this time honored tradition be canceled simply because we had to observe social distancing guidelines. The Walberta Park and Cherry Road teams were able to reinvent this celebration through revamping the format of our traditional parade and sing-along. Instead of parading through the streets of Westvale, all teachers gathered on the lawn and sidewalk around Cherry Road School and the families paraded by in their cars for our first ever Flag Day drive through parade. Here students and their families were able to see all of the K-4 staff dressed in their red, white and blue in person for one last time before ending their school year. The parade route ended by cars passing under a large flag suspended from an arch created by two Solvay Fire Department ladder trucks, making this event extra special for all that participated. In addition to the parade, Mrs. O'Brien, and Mrs. Cololuca, assisted by Mrs. Backus, created a patriotic art and music compilation video featuring the work and voices of Walberta Park and Cherry Road students. This video was released to all families on Flag Day and is posted on the Cherry Road website for the community to view.



Staff Appreciation

Our amazing parents found ways to appreciate the staff in a pandemic.



Google Meets

Though we were physically apart, students and staff found ways to connect. Google Meets were great for learning and connecting socially.



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Reopening Planning

As this Hill and Vale goes to print, planning for the reopening of school is in full swing. Department of Health and State Education Department guidelines were released last week, which are determining eventual plan details. Student and staff health and safety are the driving forces in the planning. Plans to accommodate in person learning as well as provisions for distance learning and a hybrid model are being developed. Whether in person or through a distance learning platform, the safety of students and staff must drive the planning and delivery model.

Plan submission to New York State is due July 31st and will be posted to our website on that same day. Regardless of the plan's detail, we should all expect it to become a living document as health conditions, executive orders, and modifications become apparent throughout the year. The one thing we have all learned is that change is the constant. School will not look or feel the same as we have been accustomed to for so many years.

A link to the New York State Education Department guidance document can be found on the District's homepage.

2020-2021 Districtwide Safety Plan

The draft 2020-2021 Districtwide Safety Plan is available on the district's website and open for public comment. In accordance with NYS Public Officers Law §104, a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Education of the Westhill Central School District on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Room 4 of the Walberta Park Elementary School, 400 Walberta Road, Syracuse NY 13219 for review and discussion prior to adoption of the plan. This Public Hearing will precede the regular Board of Education meeting.

Congratulations, Retirees!

Lisa Callisto, Health Aide
Marcia Cornell, Science
Mary DeTomaso, Food Services Helper II/
Cook I
Gordon Erwin, English Language Arts
Katherine Irving, Health Aide
Cathy King, Special Education
Karen Lipke, Elementary
James Maniccia, Technology
Christopher Persons, Science
Susan Sheridan, Teaching Assistant
Lucia Tremont, Teaching Assistant
Sarah VanLiew, Assistant Superintendent for
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