

Warrior Brews

The students of Mr. Zaia's Consumer Math class have started a coffee delivery service in Westhill High School known affectionately as Warrior Brews. Started shortly after the new year, the students have been providing coffee for the high school staff about twice a week for the last two months. In order to make sure the students did not become overwhelmed with the potential daunting undertaking, they spent weeks devising a plan of expansion, Google order form, supply lists and functional working space to ensure they would be able to make and deliver their coffees around the school in the allotted class period. The class has expanded Warrior Brews throughout the whole school and have incorporated almost every staff member in the building thus far.

While the idea of coffee sounds fun, the lessons in the process are what the students are learning through the project. Warrior Brews allows the students to practice different decision making and direction following tasks while creating the drinks, their interpersonal skills when they are delivering to staff they may or may not know personally and their math skills as they perform cost analysis and inventory on the other days of the week. The students love to be able to show the staff of WHS how much they appreciate their hard work and dedication to the school by delivering a hot drink right to their classroom or office.

Warrior Brews offers coffee, hot chocolate, seasonal flavors (currently maple pecan) and a variety of hot teas. Staff also have a choice of adding flavors of creamers or sugar and even marshmallows if they choose!



Walberta Park School & Cherry Road Schools

WPS Science Lessons

Nothing more exciting than science in kindergarten! Look at those hands up when students are asked to explain how to set up an experiment about acceleration.



First grade scientists at Walberta Park make predictions and experiment with the shape and size of shadows. A lot of terrific scientific conversations taking place!



Physical Education Fun

Follow the laughter, music and squeezing of sneakers and you find a kindergarten class having an absolute blast in physical education class with Mr. Hoag.



IDEAS Club

During February meetings, students from Cherry Road's IDEAS club spent some time after school learning more about Black History. Students did some research on different historical figures, and worked on creating art inspired by Alma Thomas. They have become excellent student leaders as they learn more about diversity and equity as part of the afterschool group.



SPRING RECESS



April 11 -
April 15



Cherry Road School

Change for Ukraine Fundraiser

Students at Cherry Road School showed their P2 Character Strengths of Kindness and Supporting Others When They Struggle by donating loose change (and paper dollars) to help fund the relief efforts in Ukraine. CRS was able to raise \$4,007.82 in two weeks! Thank you to all of the empathetic and generous students and families who donated to this cause. The money raised will be donated to the World Executive Ukrainian Youth Association's Humanitarian Aid Fund, and will directly assist Ukrainian families and the armed forces in Ukraine. Pictured here are third graders, Cora Iwachiw and Kaleah Seymour.



Virtual Field Trip

Learning about Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs is now complete for all 3rd graders at Cherry Road School!! They celebrated learning about frogs, and the adaptations of many other amphibians by taking a Virtual Field trip to the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, Wisconsin. During this virtual meet, Miss Courtney met with all third graders, in small groups, to talk about animal adaptations and how those unique and special adaptations help the animals adapt and survive in their habitat. Some of the animals they were able to meet included Monty, a Ball Python from the Western parts of Africa, Randall, an African Pygmy Hedgehog from the Southern and Eastern parts of Africa. Then there was Larry, an African Millipede, Thelma, a Box Turtle from the Midwest, Beethoven, a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, and Ra an Egyptian Tortoise. From the looks on their faces and the questions they asked Miss Courtney at the end I think they really enjoyed it! It was a nice culmination of all our learning in EL.



P.S. I Love You Day

On Friday, February 11, Cherry Road School celebrated P.S. I Love You Day. On this day, people are asked to wear purple as a sign of solidarity in creating a more welcoming and supportive environment for all. Leading up to this day, classrooms participated in various activities where students learned about the power of kindness, both to others and themselves. This year, students got to participate in a virtual assembly where they were challenged as a school to complete 5,000 random acts of kindness within 8 days, and they did it. We are so proud of our "kindness ninjas"! Pictured is the amazing staff at CRS on P.S. I Love You Day 2022.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Science Olympiad

Congratulations to this year's Science Olympiad team who competed in the regional competition on Saturday, March 5 against 22 other schools. Students competed in teams of two in a variety of topics including Ornithology, Meteorology, Dynamic Planet, Astronomy, Rocks & Minerals, Road Scholar, Disease Detectives and more. The team has been preparing for the completion since November.

Members of the team include Ava Antoine, Sydney MacBain, Julian Metzgar, Nick Scheel and Laney Siple (9th grade), Aiden Amidon, Kayleigh King, Sienna Pope, Andrew Sadowski, and Alex Tyszka (8th grade).

All members of the Team medaled in at least one event. Our top 10 finishes include the following.

1st Place - Disease Detectives: Laney Siple & Sydney MacBain

3rd Place - Dynamic Planet: Laney Siple & Sydney MacBain

3rd Place - Anatomy & Physiology: Ava Antoine & Julian Metzgar

3rd Place - Ornithology: Andrew Sadowski & Alex Tyszka

5th Place - Storm the Castle: Kayleigh King & Sienna Pope

6th Place - Road Scholar: Aiden Amidon & Nick Scheel

7th Place - Write It, Do It: Andrew Sadowski & Alex Tyszka

7th Place - Bridge: Aiden Amidon & Sydney MacBain

8th Place - Crave the Wave: Laney Siple & Sydney MacBain

9th Place - Mousetrap Car: Andrew Sadowski & Alex Tyszka



Special recognition to Laney Siple and Sydney MacBain, our team captains, who have been members of the team since 6th grade! Congratulations on another successful season. Any students in grades 6-8 who enjoy science, solving puzzles and building contraptions should consider joining next year's team. See Mrs. Derrenbacher for more information.

Battle of the Books

On March 10, four teams of 7th and 8th graders competed in our 2022 Battle of the Books! This was a librarian's dream, well at least it was a dream for this middle school librarian! Students that participate in the competition work in teams to read and study a set of eight novels over the course of the school year. The students then participate in a "Jeopardy-style" tournament to demonstrate their knowledge of the books. We are so incredibly proud of all the students and teacher volunteer coaches that took part in this year's battle. The competition was fierce with only one question separating our top two teams. A huge shout out to our winning team K-JAM! Congratulations to coach Marjorie Jimenez and her team members: Mary Kinney, Kayleigh King, Jena Wilbur and Rory Shewchuk. The winning team will go on to compete at the Regional Battle on March 25th. #justkeepreading



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Students of the Month

January

5th Grade: Xavior Almonte knows the meaning of friendship. He is so kind to his classmates. When put in situations, he displays moral bravery in continuing to do the right thing for others. His strong values and hard work in the classroom shine through each and every day.

6th Grade: Emily Straub is responsible and polite and has a great demeanor. She works hard and always tries her best. Emily exhibits the P2 traits on a daily basis and is a positive role model for her peers.

7th Grade: Emma West is a driven, and hardworking student. During the Positivity Project, she is always willing to give the class an interesting insight on character traits, and is not afraid to speak up when others are afraid to voice their opinions.

8th Grade: Meara Roach is always cooperative and friendly in the classroom. She strives to do her best work at all times and is very encouraging to her classmates. Each day, Meara greets her teachers and peers with a positive and upbeat attitude.

February

5th Grade: Kate Czaplicki is a wonderful student to have in class. She always gives 100 percent in all that she does. Kate has a great sense of humor, and goes out of her way to explain her thinking to her peers when doing partner work. She is a great friend to all and shows amazing social intelligence, kindness and perseverance.

6th Grade: Will Tyszka is a very caring and hardworking individual, who is a role model for all. He has a great work ethic and is always striving to do his best. We can always count on Will to help out where needed.

7th Grade: Teagan Kelly is a hard worker, a great thinker and a compassionate human being. He works well with others and is willing to stand up for himself and others when needed.

8th Grade: Reagan Wright has been a wonderful addition to iStaff this quarter. She is always eager to help with the daily to-do list. If a student needs a book, she is there to help them find what they're looking to find. In the classroom, she is a great student who works hard. She is thoughtful, kind and caring to everyone.

News From the Art Room

Sixth grade artists in Ms. O'Brien's room explored the exciting world of abstract art. Students learned about four contemporary artists; Katherine Mann, Brenden Spivey, Aelita Andre and Callen Schaub. Inspired to use paint in an abstract way, our students created paintings that explored color schemes, lines and shapes. We then cut up our masterpieces to create a kinetic work of abstract art, explosion books. The final results are fantastic!



OHMS Quarter 2 Honor Roll 2021-2022

Grade 8 High Honor

Aguayo, Isabella
Amidon, Aiden
Anderson, Elizabeth
Bruzdinski III, John
Carruthers, Adelynn
Cognato, John
Czaplicki, Benjamin
D'Agostino, Elizabeth
Drumm-O'Brien, Emma
Eckert, Anna
Forian, Gage
Ganley, Caroline
Goode, Delaney
Goode, Hadley
Goodness, Jackson
Goodwin, Zachary
Gorman, Grace
Holleran, Liam
Holstein, Eric
Hunt, Thomas
Jackson, Anna
Kaczor, Stella
Kenny, Ronan
Kenny, Tiernan
King, Kayleigh
Langham, Allison
Lopez, Collin
Militi, Eva
Napolitano, Stella
Olesh, Anita
Parry, Eleanor
Pens, Kellen
Pope, Sienna
Prince, Elias
Roach, Meara
Ryan, Molly
Sadowski, Andrew
Sainsbury, Ryan
Scarfino, Dominic
Schmitz, Lily
Sommer, Adele
Soule, Madelyn
Speer, Trinity
Swierk, Paige
Thabet, Layal
Thabet, Rudayna
Turner, Braelyn
Tyszka, Alexander
Valerino, Angelina
Vaughan, Margaret

Vitale, Dominic
Ward, Alexis
Wilbur, Jena
Wright, Reagan
Young, Katherine

Grade 8 Honor

Amorese, Gabriel
Buckley, Grace
Buell, Addison
Campanella, Tyler
Carroll, Miles
Clark, Riley
Cowin, Maxwell
Curtis, Fenris
Downs, Blake
Franco, Mason
Hayes, John
Hayes, Selina
Hoffman, Sophia
Johnson, Armani
Kincaid, Cormac
Kohanski, Adriana
Mann, Mackenzie
McGann, Rylee
McKeon, Hunter
Mondo, Andrew
Mullen, Eileen
Nicoll, Hunter
Ortiz, Leila
Perry, Alexa
Petroni, Calvin
Ramos, Carlos
Raner, McKenzie
Reilley, Olivia
Rice, Lorenzo
Richardson, Carter
Rudiger, Abigail
Sainsbury, Claire
Satalin, Erin
Shanahan, Kari
Shephard, Madicine
Shepherd, Ellis
Sierotnik, Christopher
Snyder, Samantha
Somers, Adelynn
Sparks, Olivia
Stephenson, Matthew
Thompson, William
Wallace, Caleb
Wilson, Carter

Winkler, Avery

Grade 7 High Honor

Abdallah, Sadeen
Alberts, Adeline
Allen, Max
Altheblah, Brahim
Bagnell, Tatum
Cardoso, Nicolas
Choe, Austin
Clarry, Bryson
Colangelo, Samantha
Conroy, Mackenzie
D'Agostino, Claire
DeLine, Lucas
DeTomaso, Giana
Detor, Mary
Domick, Isabella
Gallardo, Isabella
Gehm, Tyler
Henesey, Matthew
Horning, Grace
Ide, Caitlin
Jackson, Jake
Kelly, Teagan
Kimball, Samantha
Kinney, Mary
Kodoe, Andrea-Ann
Krenrich, Kaitlin
Lasher, Sophia
McNeilly, Hazel
Montalto, Adelina
Murphy, Kaylin
Nagraj, Mariana
Pawelczyk, Allison
Rogers, Reagan
Scanlon, Charles
Sobotka, Mariusz
Soule, Eva
Thabet, Dhuha
Walker, Elyse
West, Emma
Wilmot, Owen
Young, Daniel
Young, Trevor
Zuckerman, Zoe

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Grade 7 Honor

Allen, Brooke
Bruzdzinski, Lottie
Columbus, Kailyn
Conley, Colleen
Crawford, Lane
DeMore, Lucy
Ellis, Christine
Finnerty, Ryan
Frasier, Jackson
Gray, Owen
Headd, John-Paul
Hemingway, Arianna
Herne, Louis
Hodkinson, Anna
Johnson, Sophia
Johnston, Liam
Kelly, Claire
MacLachlan, Thomas
MacMaster, Natalie
McGann, Sean
McRae, Ayanah
Moore, James
Murphy, Lucy
Northrup, Jolynn
Pendergast, Cooper
Plochocki, Thomas
Primiano, Eulalia
Rouse, Brielle
Ruski, Serenity
Shephard, Mathew
Singh, Harjot
Spasevski, Ivana
Taylor, Addison
Thabet, Edhem
Vashchishin, Samuel

Grade 6 High Honor

Athanas, Andrew
Auringer, Schuyler
Belcore, Rosella
Bezigan, Frederick
Bova, Sophia
Buckman, Skylar
Buell, Sydney
Carruth, John
Cassalia, Patrick
Centore, Angelina
Chaddock, Evan
Cognato, Averie
Coleman, Reilly

Collacchi, Emma
Davidson, Owen
DeFabbio, Sophia
Delay, Clare
Diaz, Naomi
Dixon, Reagan
Dowd, Cameron
Dunbar, Teagan
Eldred, Jade
Flegel, Julia
Francisco, Dean
Franco, Maxwell
Gaffney, Liam
Gaines, Lyla
Ganley, Daniel
Gerasimovich, Isabella
Glatt, Samantha
Glover, Henry
Gridley, Dylan
Hange, Brooke
Hubert, Daniel
Jaquint, Stone
Kelly, Quinn
Lin, Cayla
Maestri, David
Marceau, Adrien
Marinelli, Joseph
Mathews, Leigh
McMahon, Emmett
Mondo, Melissa
Morse, Shealyn
Napolitano, Sabine
Ososkalo, Matthew
Parry, Evangeline
Pichoske, Nicholas
Platt, Hayden
Presley, Alexandra
Rewakowski, Andrew
Ross, Caleb
Satalin, David
Scarfino, Stella
Scott, Khloe
Scozzari, Samuel
Seitz, Noah
Sommer, Clara
Spinner, Kaleigha
Starowicz, Fiona
Straub, Emily
Stroman, Grace
Tarolli, Thomas
Tjaden, Julia

Tremblay, Addyson
Tyszka, William
Viscome, Cailin
Zheng, Winnie
Ziober, Beckham

Grade 6 Honor

Abraham, Bilal
Aguayo, Sophia
Almamari, Shahd
Auge, Emmerson
Beal, JreShawn
Brown, Jordon
Brunson, Jasmine
Burke, Jameson
Carroll, Daniel
Ceu, Nun
Columbus, Hannah
Culligan, Brea
Donegan, Redd
Fogarty, Emma
Fuller, Emma
Fuller, Tyler
Glover, Charles
Grosso, Eva
Guralny, Dalton
Hamam, Aiham
Hubler, Evan
Ibrahim, Ahmad
Ketchum, Hayden
Keyes, Makayla
Lane, Aveyah
Lirley, Cayden
MacMaster, Kaylie
Maines, Dawson
Martin, Scott
Martini, Marah
Mercurio, Rider
Mesa Espinosa, Ariana
Morales, Willa
Obaid, Ibraheem
Pratt, Jackson
Ritz, Leo
Rodriguez, Brooklyn
Root, Addison
Schug, McKenzie
Shepherd, Rhys
Weaver, Azhawn
Williams Jr., Ronald
Wilson, Blake
Wilson, Jayden

Onondaga Hill Middle School

OCCRA Guest Speaker

The 5th graders have been learning about how matter and energy flow through ecosystems. The students have been studying producers, consumers and decomposers and their role in a food web. A virtual guest speaker from OCCRA taught the students about how decomposers are a virtual part of ecosystems and aid in composting. The speaker also introduced the students to OCCRA's services and how they can compost at home.



Disney Club

Two very ambitious fifth graders at OHMS designed and organized the new Disney Chit Chat Club (DCC). The DCC had their first meeting and it was an absolute blast! Each member participated in a coloring contest, Disney movie discussions and just had a lot of fun chatting.



Moana Jr is a Big Hit

Congratulations to the OHMS cast and crew of the musical Moana Jr who put on a tremendous show for the community. They worked incredibly hard over the past couple of months, led by staff members Danielle Cieply, Karen Cortez, Colleen O'Brien, Christina Gullotto and Jacob Lindberg. They performed for the entire student body, followed by two shows for the community. Congratulations!



Westhill High School

Warriors of the Month

JANUARY

9th Grade: Jocelyn Caputo always brings a positive attitude to class, and her enthusiasm is contagious. She is able to collaborate with anyone, and makes quieter students feel comfortable and valued. Although she is empathetic and cares about others, she is comfortable being her own person and doesn't feel the need to follow the crowd. Jocelyn makes everyone's day a little brighter. We are lucky to have her in our school community. Jocelyn is a true Warrior for her peers!

10th Grade: Gracelyn Gray has committed to volunteering each Tuesday at Cherry Road School for their Inclusion, Equity, Diversity, After School Club. In her time volunteering for the IDEAS Club, she has helped fourth grade students tackle different topics focused around equity and inclusion. Last month, she helped students deepen their understanding about poverty, while helping students collect and stuff over 140 hygiene bags for the homeless. This month, she will help students focus on showcasing historical figures for Black History Month. Her commitment and excitement to helping children is contagious. We're so proud to have her as a representative of our Character Ed group. She is a role model student and a true Westhill Warrior!

11th Grade: Bodie Centore is a devoted student. He is an intelligent student with an innate ability to perform at the highest level. He has a take-charge personality, while still being a team player. He is stouthearted when adding to class discussions and maintains a respect for those around him. Congratulations, Bodie!

12th Grade: Ridley McShane is always willing to help classmates and is kind to everyone. She takes the time to ask people about their day and compliments people often. Ridley also stays behind and makes sure the classroom is cleaned up before moving on to her next class. Ridley also invites others to join in group work if they don't have a partner to work with. Congratulations, Ridley!

FEBRUARY

9th Grade: Godwin Kodoe comes to school each day with a smile, kind heart and positive attitude! He is polite and respectful to staff and peers, he participates in class with enthusiasm and he is always willing to help others in and out of class. Godwin takes a genuine interest in each and every person he talks to. He is thoughtful and goes out of his way to ask others how they are doing. He is a loyal friend and concerned about the feelings of those around him. Godwin even goes to the main office each day during lunch to say hello, chat about the day and asks to help sort the school mail. If you know Godwin, then your day is certainly going to be brighter. He exemplifies a true Warrior Spirit, and we are so lucky to have him as part of our school community. Way to go Godwin!

10th Grade: Grace Enriquez is a hard-working student who is dedicated to learning. Her work is done with the most sedulous care and she surpasses expectations on every assignment. She is a pleasure to have in class, and her presence in class is a benefit to her peers. Grace is a true warrior!

11th Grade: Iris Markham is a wonderful student who is willing to go above and beyond to be successful. She is meticulous in explaining every detail in her work and has a natural intelligence that allows her to succeed at the highest level. Despite her success, she is unpretentious and is willing to help those around her. She is a goal-oriented student who has the ability to be successful in anything she sets her mind on.

12th Grade: Audnan Khan demonstrates kindness and respect for all people in my class. He helps when other students have questions and is not afraid to ask for help when he needs it. He eagerly participates in class and always shows up with a positive attitude ready to learn. When Khan is not sure how to solve a problem, he perseveres by trying another method, asking for help or using other resources to help him understand. He does not see wrong answers as failure but as an opportunity to learn. Khan has been a true asset to the Westhill community.

Westhill High School

Dadey Scores 1,000 Points

On February 7, senior, Catherine Dadey, daughter of Sean and Kelly Dadey scored her one-thousandth career point against the Cazenovia Lakers. She is the 15th female basketball player at Westhill to reach this outstanding mark in her basketball career. Catherine achieved this career highlight on her senior night in front of an enthusiastic crowd made up of her peers, friends and family. Congratulations, Catherine!



Class of 2025 Book Drive

The Class of 2025 held a very successful book drive to benefit The Golisano Children's Hospital. The class collected several boxes of new and gently used books for children and young adults. The staff and patients were immensely appreciative of all the book donations.



Black History Month

During Black History Month, honors biology students spent time learning about Henrietta Lacks and the contributions her HeLa cells made to science. Henrietta's story is a compelling one. Students kicked off the project by reading parts of the "Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. While listening to her story, students created an extensive list of questions, one of which would become their focus question for their project. All students were tasked with discussing her life, the bioethics surrounding her story, along with the contributions made from her cells. We also spent time learning about bioethics, engaging in debates, using library databases and citing information in APA format!

In the shared slideshow, you will learn about her cells and why they're considered immortal, why scientists sent them into outer space and how they were used to create the polio and Covid vaccines, chemotherapy drugs and much more. Some students focused on the ethics surrounding consent to use our cells for research purposes (while others profit), some focused on race, income and education and the role it played in her treatment as a black female in the 1950s. Students created murals, podcasts, informational videos, websites and digital scrapbooks. You can learn more here!



Westhill High School

Academic Decathlon Team To Nationals

Congratulations to the Westhill Academic Decathlon Team who earned first place at the State competition to become the New York State Champions. Several students won individual medals including: Karlie McGann (Honors Division: 1 gold medal, 2 bronze medals), Bodie Centore (Honors Division: 1 gold medal, 1 bronze medal), Megan Dwyer (Scholastic Division: 3 gold medals, 2 bronze medals), Abby Adams (Scholastic Division: 3 gold medals, 2 silver medals), Andy Sondej (Scholastic Division: 1 silver medal, 2 bronze medals), Katie Hagrman (Varsity Division: 7 gold medals, 2 silver medals), Ian Centore (Varsity Division: 3 gold medals, 2 silver medals, and 1 bronze medal), Rachel Evans (Varsity Division: 3 silver medals), Avery Starowicz (Alternate Division: 1 gold medal, 1 silver medal, 1 bronze medal), Devin Young (Alternate Division: 1 gold medal), and Aubrey Holowinski (Alternate Division: 1 silver medal). Congratulations to the entire team, and good luck as they move on to the 2022 USAD Nationals!



DECA State Competition

In March, DECA (Westhill High School Business Club), traveled to Rochester to compete in the NYS DECA competition. The competition consisted of a written test as well as a role play with prominent business professionals in the Rochester area. Congratulations to all members who participated! The following students received medals in their competitions:

- Franny Argentieri - Business Communications Series
- Bodie Centore - Marketing Management Team Decision-Making
- Karly Dillabough - Hospitality & Tourism Team Decision-Making
- Lee Hynes - Marketing Management Team Decision-Making
- Iris Markham - Hospitality & Tourism Team Decision-Making
- Karlie McGann - Sports & Entertainment Marketing
- Sean Rogers - Principles of Marketing



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. The 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 winter Westhill had five varsity teams earning the team honor. Scholar Athlete teams include boys' basketball, girls' basketball, boys' indoor track and field, girls' indoor track and field and ice hockey. Westhill had 110 varsity athletes participating in the winter 2022 season. Out of this 110 athletes, 90 earned a 90% or greater average for the 2nd quarter earning individual scholar athlete honors.

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Grade 12 Honor

Abedrabbah, Zarifeh
Adams, Abigail Katherine
Adams, Alanna Michelle
Alberts, Alexandra Helene
Allen, Brian Alexander
Allen, Corine Ceresa
Argentieri, Francesca Eade
Battista, Kaylin Amanda
Benderski, Sofia Stefana
Bistrovich, Sydney Elise
Burdick, Tyson Douglas
Burkett, Travis Michael
Campbell, Tyler Gage
Cardoso, Isabella Grace
Carkner, Daniel Jeffrey
Carrock, Daniel Peter
Carroll, Delaney Rose
Case, Amanda Mary
Castracane, Anthony Michael
Centore, Sofia Grace
Colucci, Rachel
Cook, Molly Katherine
D'Agostino, Ryan Andrew
Dadey, Catherine
Daniul, Geoffrey Donovan
Dhamoon, Harsimran
Dickens, Malaia Nicole
Dowd, Katherine Patricia
Dubaniewicz, Alexandra Marie
Eckert, Jillian Elizabeth
Elias, Angelina Rose
Formica, Charlotte Marilyn
Fountain, Kendall Marie
Gangemi, Emily Jo
Gorman, Emma Kathryn
Gratien, Jonathan Daniel
Greesson, Benjamin Robert
Grooms, Riley Kathryn
Heffernan, Ryan Daniel
Heinrich, Kate Rose
Herrera, Mia Pilar
Hunter, Claire Terese
Jones, Isabella Katherine
Kenny, Brian Anthony
Khan, Audnan Wadut
Knoll, Charles James
LoFaro, Nicole
Loose, Cassidy Rae
Lyons, Lauren Elizabeth
MacCaull, Kyle Matthew

Mahar, Liam Patrick
Mannion, Brady O'Brien
McGlynn, Ella Marie
McMahon, Clare Caitlin
McQueeney, Julia Noel
Metzgar, Quinton Khan
Miggiani, Abigail Chloe
Mulholland, Brandon Michael
O'Hearn, Kyleigh Elizabeth
Ostuni, Jordyn Rae
Patrie, Colleen Theresa
Pecheny, Natalia
Pelsue, Matthew Thomas
Pens, Quinn Maria
Phillips, Robert
Pilkay, Olivia Isabel
Pirong, Jonathan Gerald
Rewakowski, Noah Daniel
Rimkevitz, Ty Joseph
Rodgers, Aidan Nicholas
Rosati, Marisa Olivia
Rosenberger, Kyle Joseph
Russell, Julia Marie
Sampo, Isabella Grace
Satalin, John Ryan
Schwartz, Christopher Brian
Stanton, John Thomas
Starowicz, Hannah Louise
Thornton, Aaron Patrick
Thornton, Bridget Ann
Thornton, Lauryn Kathryn
Vanderhoff, Hailey J.
Walsh, Abigail Elizabeth
Zerrillo, Gianna Christine

Grade 11 Honor

Abdelfatah, Gisele
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore
Alt, Leonard
Antoine, Olivia Maive
Bealer, Morgan Sierra
Bendall, Katherine Jill
Bergett, Alexis Rose
Bleskoski, Julianne Terese
Bolesh, Ashley Susan
Bryant, Keegan Michael
Brzostowski, Mikayla Rose
Carter, Ashley Knobel
Carter, Brooke Kelly
Centore, Bohdan Patrick
Clos, Mallory Margarete

Colon, Gisselle Anais
Cottrell, Abigail Mae
Cusimano, Zantana Lorraine
Czaplicki, Kalista Jane
Derrick, James Robert
Dillabough, Karly
Donegan, Ryan Flaherty
Freeman, Alyvia Noelle-Joy
Galante, Joseph
Gilhooley, Rachel Louise
Gonnella, Olivia
Goode, Aidan William
Graf, Simon Michael
Hagman, Katelyn Anne
Heise, Mackenzie Grace
Holowinski, Olivia Marie
Hopkins, Ileanna Elizabeth
Horner, Lizzie
Hynes, Lee Michael
Kelly, McKenna Eileen
Kerr, Aiden Jay
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica Marie
Lowery, Adelaide Margaret
Lubel, Margaret Anna
Markham, Iris Mary
Martini, Garet Matthew
Mayes, Shawn William
McGann, Karlie Elizabeth
McQueeney, Lia Clare
Milittleo, Samuel
Naughton, Ryan
Nicoll, Baillie
Osorio, Anthony
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
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
Stewart, Sincere Jamir
Stiner, Lucas Marcos

WHS Quarter 2 Honor Roll 2021-2022

Grade 11 Continued

Taber, Bradyn Shea
Thabet, Ilham
Valenza, Zachary Daniel
Varco, Enzo Giuseppe
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney Jean
Young, Devin Thomas

Grade 10 Honor

Allahar, Gabrielle
Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Ayesha
Altheblah, Hasan
Battista, Megan Elizabeth
Borne, Gavin Reed
Burdick, Bryce Griffith
Caloia, Cade Anthony
Campanella, Jack Salvatore
Campbell, Ryan Michael
Carfagno, Sophia Ann
Carroll, Alden
Craven, Ryley
Curriden, Morgan Cameron
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton James
DeSanto, Emma
Dimovski, Sofia Maria
Edlund, Shamus Vincent
Enriquez, Grace Isabel
Evans, Rachel Maffei
Falcone, Taylor Kathleen
Finnerty, Sean Patrick
Formica, Lauren Elizabeth
Goodness, Hannah Grace
Gratien, Joshua Daniel
Herrera, Elle Madison
Hogan, Jameson Patrick
Johnson, Isabella Marie
Kaczor, Carrie Grace
Kleberg IV, David Dean
Kleberg, Elena Rose
Knohl, Caitlyn Frances
Knohl, Connor Anthony
Knoll, Caroline Olivia
Korrie, Alexa
Lancette, Alison Taylor
Leonardo, Isabel Christine
Lopez, Cameron James
Madigan, Michael Francis
Mahar, Owen Michael

Manzone, Liberty Ann
McClave, Miley Andra
McGlynn, Grace Elizabeth
McPeak, Benjamin Alfred
McPeak, Elizabeth Josephine
Medeiros, Steven John
Mueller, Elizabeth Joy
Nagraj, Luciana Elizabeth
O'Reilly, Andrew Pierce
Pens, Grady Alwyn
Rewakowski, Mary Katherine
Robbins, Regan Elisabeth
Roth, Helaina Elizabeth
Sainsbury, Katelyn Rose
Saya-Pucello, Adriana Jane
Schneider, Brynn
Sexton, Keegan Parker
Sheridan, Patrick Thomas
Smithers, Samuel Thomas
Sparks, Julia Marie
Spasevski, Gianna Isabella
Stiner, William Patrick
Stiner, Zero
Suddaby, Jackson William
Taylor, Veronica
Thompson, Molly Katharine
Thornton, Ellie Grace
Tjaden, Hannah Lynn
White, Azaria
Wilsch, Emma Kathleen
Young, Isabel
Young, Liliana
Zawadzki, Dominic Joseph
Zema, Rose Marie

Grade 9 Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Abedrabbah, Razan
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike
Alt, Maille Mae
Antoine, Ava
Baty, Ava
Bergett, Grace
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony Carlos
Colangelo, Anabelle Alice
DeLine, William
Detor, Claire Ann
Donegan, Sophia

Dorfman, Molly Claire
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen Gabriel
Fitzgerald, Nora Mary
Gedney, Ellianna Kathleen
Goral, Kaylee Ann
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma
Greenfield, River Holden
Griffin, Maxwell Sean
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hange, Georgia Anna
Hayes V, Robert
Heise, Morgan Lindsay
Henesey, Luke
Herring, Quinn
Holowinski, Aubrey
Jetter, Siena
Kelly, Caleigh Grace
Klamm, Jeremiah James
Kodoe, Godwin Yayra
MacBain, Sydney
McGann, Julie
Medeiros, Sydney
Merrick, Thomas
Metzgar, Julian
Moro, Breyanna Nicole
Mulholland, Owen
Murphy, Emma
Pichoske, Thaddeus
Popp, Edward Thomas
Ramsing, Cadence Marie
Rienhardt, Emily
Robinson, Omar
Rodriguez, Olivia Victoria
Rose, Conor James
Rosenberger, Kara
Scanlon, William
Scheel, Nicholas
Sheridan, Riley Patrick
Shiel, Colin Ryan
Siple, Helena
Sisack, Emlyn
Starowicz, Avery Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina Grace
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Thabet, Sabri
Valenti, Roman Paul

District News

A Message From the Superintendent

It's hard to believe that we just passed the two year mark since the beginning of the pandemic. The last two years have been incredibly challenging for everyone as our focus has been on evolving health guidelines and the impact those guidelines have on how we do everything from transporting students, feeding them and providing them with the best possible experiences while at school. Everyone in our school community has had to be flexible and make adjustments on the fly which hasn't been easy. As we move into the spring, I am hopeful that our energy and attention can once again focus on a pure celebration of our students.

As we work through the rest of this year, we are also in the midst of planning for the 2022-2023 school year. Addressing the social-emotional needs of our students and families is a priority for us as we build next year's budget. Adding resources and professional development for our staff are essential as we adjust to meet the changing needs of our students and families as we confront the challenges that the pandemic has placed on our community. Another priority that we have is implementing a UPK program at Westhill. There is a laundry list of benefits for implementing Universal Pre-K including the opportunity for the enhanced development of social and emotional skills, as well as literacy, language and math skills. Like many other districts, the lack of physical space to house a program is our biggest obstacle. We are currently working on establishing partnerships with other programs and facilities in the area to address our immediate space needs as well as planning long-term and looking for opportunities to create space within the district to house our own program on site. This will continue to be a priority for us as we explore every possible option.

As you can see throughout this issue of the Hill & Vale, our students are doing incredible things at every grade level and in every building throughout the district. We hope to see you at some of our concerts, athletic contests and other events that are taking place throughout the spring.

Official School Calendar 2022 - 2023

Westhill Central School District

September 2022					October 2022					November 2022					December 2022				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
		31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4				1	2
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30	31					28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30

January 2023					February 2023					March 2023				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3			1	2	3
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	13	14	15	16	17
23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24
30	31				27	28				27	28	29	30	31

April 2023					May 2023					June 2023				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5				1	2
10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16
24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23
					29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30

CALENDAR INFORMATION	
August 31	Staff Development Day
September 1	Staff Development Day
September 5	Labor Day
September 6	First Day of School
October 10	Columbus Day
November 8	Staff Development Day
November 11	Veterans Day Observed
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Recess
December 23-January 2	Holiday Recess
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
January 24-27	Regents Exams
February 20-24	Presidents' Day/Winter Recess
March 13	Staff Development Day
April 3-April 7	Spring Recess
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend
May 29	Memorial Day
June 14-16, 20-22	Regents Exams
June 19	Juneteenth
June 23	Regents Rating Day/Last Day of School

Key: □ Holiday ○ Staff Development Day — Regents Exams ◇ Regents Rating Day

District News

Westhill Educational Foundation Grants

The Westhill Educational Foundation is pleased to announce grant recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Foundation has streamlined the grant submission process and will now review grants throughout the academic year. This updated process will allow the Foundation to be more adaptive to the changing needs of the school district. The spring grant cycle is still open and will continue to take grant applications through the end of June or until the budget limit is reached. This year, thanks to support from our generous donors, the Foundation has been able to grant over \$9,800 to support innovative ideas and programs for Westhill students. Winners to date are:

Fall Grant Recipients

An Evening with Author Jason Reynolds, Penny Feeny

This grant provided funding for 50 students in grades 6-12 to attend a lecture from New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds as part of the Rosamond Gifford Authors Series. Students were transported to the OnCenter to listen to Reynolds' storytelling and insights.

Measuring Carbon Output; Designing Innovative Solutions to Reducing Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide, Alaina Weinsztko and Helen Kemper

This grant purchased 15 GoDirect CO2 Gas Sensors that students in 9th and 10th grade biology will use in their Cycle of Matter unit. These CO2 probes allow students to measure in real time the amount of atmospheric Carbon Dioxide. The probes will generate a live graph that can be sent directly to their cell phones (via bluetooth) or school chromebooks/laptops. This will encourage students to make better decisions as consumers and illustrate that their decisions have a positive impact on the environment as they attempt to reduce the amount of Carbon being released into the atmosphere.

Mush On: Voices from the Iditarod, Karen Fenner and Tracy Crisafulli

This grant provided funding for a unique learning opportunity for Environmental Science students at Westhill High School. Students were given copies of *Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Alaskan Dog-Racing* by award-winning author Gary Paulsen which complimented classroom lessons on genetics and adaptation. This experience culminated in a presentation by former Alaskan Iditarod racer, Karen Land, who brought a sled dog, race gear and insight into many aspects of dogsled racing including weather, animal behavior and personal experiences in the wilds of Alaska. In addition, there was a second session open to all interested WHS students to meet Karen Land and her dog during IA.

Let Your Curiosity Soar II, Penny Feeny

This grant, which was co-written by OHMS 7th grader Owen Wilmot, funded the purchase of a DJI Air 2S drone to be used at Onondaga Hill Middle school in conjunction with the Technology Class and GNN Video Production Club. Students will be able to learn how to use the drone and will be able to earn their drone "OHMS License".

Spring Grant Recipients

Insights and Inspirations with Dusti Bowling, Penny Feeny

This grant is designed to generate excitement for an upcoming visit to Onondaga Middle School from author Dusti Bowling. In addition to funding a daily author book giveaway the month before the visit, the grant will also help to fund a breakfast and lunch with the visiting author.

Fitness Room Upgrade, Jason Clavijo

This grant funded the purchase of 3 rowing machines for the Onondaga Hill Middle School fitness room. The rowers will be used to increase the versatility of creating a fitness routine for the students. The rowers can accommodate every student providing expanded opportunities for all students at the middle school.

Game on!, Penny Feeny

This grant encourages students to socialize and build relationships at Onondaga Hill Middle School through the purchase of a variety of board games and mindfulness activities. The games will be available in the library, will be accessible to all students during study hall and will serve as a way for students to engage, de-stress, build problem solving skills and strengthen community.

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2022-2023 BUDGET INFORMATION

Absentee Ballot applications available in the District Office

April 18, 2022Tentative date for 2022-2023 budget adoption

April 18, 2022Board of Education candidate petitions due in the District Office

May 10, 2022Public Budget Hearing in the WHS Auditorium at 7:00 pm

May 10, 2022Deadline to **request** an Absentee Ballot Application be sent by **mail**

May 17, 2022Deadline to return completed **Absentee Ballot Application**
by 5:00 pm

May 17, 2022Budget Vote/Board of Education Election in WHS Auditorium Foyer
from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm

**As stipulated by NYS Law, the following qualifications MUST be met,
without exception, in order to cast a vote:**

1. You **MUST** be a citizen of the United States.
 2. You **MUST** be at least 18 years of age.
 3. You **MUST** be a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 17, 2022.
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