

Graduation Honors

Valedictorian



With a cumulative academic weighted average of 103.303, Charlotte Roth is the Westhill High School Class of 2023 Valedictorian. Charlotte 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 NYS Comptroller Achievement Award, the NYSED Academic Excellence Award and is a finalist in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program. Outside of the classroom, Charlotte is an accomplished athlete and musician, participating in varsity golf and band. Charlotte plans to attend Northeastern University in the fall, majoring in biology and mathematics. Congratulations to Charlotte Roth for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2023 Valedictorian!

Salutatorian

With a cumulative academic weighted average of 101.588, Karlie McGann is the Class of 2023 Salutatorian. Karlie has challenged and excelled in the most difficult courses offered at Westhill High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M National Honor Society for music. She is a 2023 recipient of the NYSED Academic Excellence Award, the NYS Comptroller Achievement Award and the Yearbook Co-Editor's Award. Karlie is a talented musician and performer, leading the percussion section of our symphonic band and playing important roles in our fall plays and spring musicals during her time at Westhill High School. Karlie was also a member of our NYS Champion Academic Decathlon team, our Mock Trial team and was one of our strongest DECA competitors, earning a spot in the National finals in Florida in 2023. Karlie will attend Binghamton University in the fall majoring in industrial and labor relations with the intention of finishing her degree at Cornell University and entering the field of employment law. Congratulations to Karlie McGann for becoming the Westhill High School Class of 2023 Salutatorian



Westhill High School

Most Outstanding Senior

Bohdan Centore was selected as the Class of 2023 Most Outstanding Senior. Bodie graduated with a 101.056 academic GPA and will attend Penn State in the fall, majoring in Engineering with the intention of pursuing a career in Aerospace Design. Bodie completed Honors level, OCC and AP course work during his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Bodie won the Old English “W” Award for the second year in a row and was the recipient of the NYS Comptroller Achievement Award, the NYSED Academic Excellence Award and was a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship program. Bodie has also been recognized for his efforts in the community, winning the American Citizenship Award for School & Community Service & Civic Responsibility, in connection with his charity work for St. Baldrick’s Foundation in support of childhood cancer research. Outside of the classroom, Bodie is a talented athlete, musician and performer participating in varsity soccer, varsity track, varsity lacrosse, concert choir and jazz ensemble, as well as playing a lead role in our spring musical. In addition to all of Bodie’s efforts at school and in the community, he has found the time to become an accomplished pianist, performing three solos with the New York State School Music Association with all solos graded above 90. Congratulations to Bodie Centore for being selected as a 2023 Westhill High School Most Outstanding Senior!



Old English “W” Recipients

The Old English “W” is a traditional Westhill award bestowed on the individual 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

John Bruzdinski III 102.76
Kayleigh King 102.58

11th grade

Elizabeth McPeak 103.225 (3rd year in a row)
Cade Caloia 102.3 (2nd year in a row)

10th grade

Oluwafeyisike Ajagbe 104.18 (2nd year in a row)
Helena Siple 104 (2nd year in a row)

12th grade

Iris Markham 103.666
Bodie Centore 102.866 (2nd year in a row)

Senior Scholar Athletes

On Monday, June 12, at The SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College, Section III recognized two of Westhill’s finest student athletes. Surrounded by their families and coaches, Westhill seniors, Bohdan Centore and Ashley Bolesh, were honored by Section III as Senior Scholar Athletes. This event is an opportunity for Section III to honor selected scholar athletes for their accomplishments in academics and athletics. Ashley is a three-sport varsity athlete participating in soccer, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. Ashley will be furthering her academic career at the University of Richmond where she will be running for the Spiders. Bohdan, is also a three-sport letter winner in soccer, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. Bodie will be continuing his education at Pennsylvania State University. We would like to congratulate Ashley and Bodie for their exceptional achievements throughout their high school careers and wish them much success in the future



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Doug Hutson Leadership Award

The Doug Hutson Leadership Award was established in 2012 to honor Mr. Hutson for his dedication of nearly 20 years as Onondaga Hill Middle School's principal. The winners who are chosen by the faculty, represent the values Mr. Hutson tried to instill in his students; making good choices, being respectful and showing character to name a few. This year's winners were James Moore and Owen Wilmot.



Tara McMahon Award

The OHMS Parent Council established the Tara McMahon award in memory of Tara, a beloved OHMS student, who passed away. The school and Parent Council wanted to remember the characteristics of Tara with two annual winners from the 8th grade class. The faculty selected two students that exemplified her passion for music, displayed a caring attitude and included their peers in activities. This year's winners were Hazel McNeilly and Matt Henesey.



Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award

The Kathy Tompkins Positive Spirit Award has been established by retired and current staff members of Onondaga Hill Middle School to honor the enduring legacy of Kathy Tompkins. As a beloved teacher and friend, she inspired those around her, especially young singers and theater lovers during her twenty-four year career as music teacher at Onondaga Hill Middle School. Mrs. Tompkins was known by all for her kindness and compassion, as well as her tenacity in inspiring students to shine. The selection criteria:

1. Views each day with a positive attitude.
2. Motivates those around him/her with spirit and enthusiasm.
3. Provides support to others who are working to achieve their goals.
4. Encourages others to be more confident and to believe in themselves.
5. Treats others with respect and compassion.
6. Shows an interest in/appreciation for music and the arts, especially theater.

This year's winners were Elliette Ryan and Sam Colangelo.



Onondaga Hill Middle School

Regional Battle of the Bands

The Book Gladiators battled to the very end in the first ever Regional Battle of the Books! It was a very tight contest between the 5th and 6th graders from Central Square and Westhill. The battle went into a sudden death tie breaker, where the Book Gladiators answered the first question correctly but missed the second question. We are so proud of our team's work and their second-place finish. They received medals for placing second in both the OCM BOCES and Regional Battle of the Books. Please congratulate Audrey Mahoney, Reagan Collett, Ella Morgan, Evelyn Hennigan and Coach Castracane on a hard-fought battle!



Students of the Month

May

5th Grade: Ethan Freund is a dedicated and kind student. He is conscientious about his work and demonstrates his best effort in everything. Kindness comes naturally for Ethan, and this is shown in the way he helps and supports others. He brings cheerfulness and zest into the classroom, and makes insightful connections to learning. He is a wonderful role model and is humble in everything he does.

6th Grade: Bryan Quattrocci is a hard worker and a positive role model. He is consistently putting in effort to do his best both in and outside of the classroom. Bryan is kind, helpful and respectful to his classmates and teachers. Bryan can always be counted on to make a positive contribution to the class and school.

7th Grade: Shahd Almamari is always kind to others and works very hard to do her best at all times. She advocates for herself when needed and always has a smile on her face.

8th Grade: Serenity Ruski is conscientious and takes responsibility for her learning. She perseveres and advocates for herself. Serenity also treats her peers with respect and kindness every day.

June

5th Grade: Shiloh Holt has such a vivacious personality. She is inclusive and kind towards her classmates. She consistently perseveres with her assignments, and is not afraid to get out of her comfort zone. Her confidence and positive outlook on life are very contagious. She is an exemplary role model for her peers.

6th Grade: Aedan Schilling is an excellent scholar and young man. He works extremely hard and continues to go above and beyond classroom expectations. He is kind and compassionate towards his classmates, and is always willing to support others. He is resilient in the face of adversity, and continues to persevere through challenges with a very positive attitude.

7th Grade: McKenzie Schug works very hard and tries her best in the classroom. She doesn't give up when things are challenging. McKenzie has a positive attitude. She is kind and tries to help others when needed.

8th Grade: Aaliyah Enright is awesome to her classmates, always doing the right thing and always helping others. All around, she's a great student and peer.

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Chorus and Music Wrap Up

It has been a fun, exciting and busy year for the OHMS choirs, harmonizers, general music classes and musical students! Throughout the year, students were busy making and learning about music. A few highlights include:

General Music: African and Latin drumming, guitar playing, bucket drumming and exploring theater through the *Newsies* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Chorus: Members performed in a variety of music events throughout the year. A group of 6th to 8th grade chorus members sang for the Syracuse Mets. Fifth grade students worked through chorus karate, and both 5th and 6th grade chorus members had a chance to participate in Open Mic Club!

Harmonizers: On Mondays throughout the year, Harmonizers rehearsed and sang at a variety of events including Syracuse Mets Game, Syracuse Crunch Game, OHMS Pep Rally, Westhill Day of Jazz, Chorus Concert, Holiday Nights at the Zoo, Paint Westvale Purple and more!

OHMS Musical: Seventh and eighth grade students had a chance to participate in the OHMS musical, *Seussical*. Bravo, student cast and crew!

It has been a full year of music making, and we are so proud of you. We wish all our singers and music students a fantastic summer and can't wait to see you in the fall!



Rocket Team Challenge

On Saturday, June 3, four teams from OHMS made their way to Jamesville Beach and competed in this year's Rocket Team Challenge. Each team built, painted and added an "eggstronaut" to their rocket. All teams had successful flights and all "eggstronauts" made it back without a scratch. Team "Eggtech" scored enough points to place 2nd in the competition. Eggtech team members included Stone Jaquint, Danny Carroll, Leo Ritz, Dean Francisco, Adrian Marceau, Danny Ganley and Dylan Gridley. Other team members included Samantha Colangelo, Isabella Domick, Mary Kinney, Lottie Rose Bruzdinski, Evan Chaddock, Lucas DeLine, Jimmy Moore, Hannah Columbus, Sophia DeFabbio, Jade Eldred, Sofia Savelesky and Kaleigha Spinner. Congratulations to all for a great launch.



IDEAS Club

In June, the IDEAS Club held their last meeting with a book signing for family and friends. The book, "IDEAS Worth Spreading Vol 1", that they worked incredibly hard on was released. It is available for everyone to read in the Diversity and Inclusion section on the Westhill website. The book is a compilation of the journal entries students answered about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Thank you to the Westhill community for all of your support with IDEAS. This has been a great year, a lot was learned, a lot of empathy shown, but most of all a lot of ideas were shared. Please be kind to one another and take care.

WHS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2022-2023

Grade 12 Honor

Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisore
Alt, Leonard
Antoine, Olivia
Bealer, Morgan
Belcamino, Ashleigh
Bendall, Katherine
BenYehuda, Ella
Bergett, Alexis
Bleskoski, Julianne
Bolesh, Ashley
Bryant, Keegan
Caccamo, Mackenzie
Carter, Ashley
Carter, Brooke
Centore, Bohdan
Colon, Gisselle
Conley, Shannon
Curtis, Julian
Cusimano, Zantana
DeFabbio, Michael
Dillabough, Karly
Doss, Mia Avery
Freeman, Alyvia
Galante, Joseph
Gilhooley, Rachel
Gonnella, Olivia
Goode, Aidan
Graf, Simon
Hagrman, Katelyn
Heagerty, Finnbar
Heise, Mackenzie
Holowinski, Olivia
Hopkins, Ileanna
Horner, Lizzie
Hynes, Lee
Kelly, McKenna
Kinsella, Lilyanna
Klamm, Domenica
Lowery, Adelaide
Lubel, Margaret
Markham, Iris
Mayes, Shawn
McCann, Karlie
McKeon, Madison
McQueeney, Lia
Mersfelder, Mia
Nicoll, Baillie
Olesh, Timofey
Pawelczyk, Amanda
Polcaro, Elizabeth
Popp, Keara

Richardson, Brady
Richmond, Olivia
Robinson, Janiah
Roesch, Teresa
Rogers, Sean
Rose, Kennedy
Rosenberger, Anna
Roth, Charlotte
Ryan, Aidan
Schmitz, Hannah
Scrimale, Nicoletta
Singh, Sukhmanjit
Sisson, Caitlin Kelly
Snyder, Mary
Sondej, Andrew
Starowicz, Emmet
Stephenson, Sean
Stewart, Sincere
Taber, Bradyn
Thabet, Ilham
Thomas, Brady
Vaughan, Abbey
Walker, Delaney
Williams, Nazaire
Young, Devin

Grade 11 Honor

Allen, Bridget Claire
Altheblah, Ayesha
Altheblah, Hasan
Borne, Gavin
Burdick, Bryce
Caloia, Cade
Campanella, Jack
Campbell, Ryan
Cognato, Nina
Cottrell, Catherine
Curriden, Morgan
Darling, Damon
DeMore, Charles
Deno, Peyton
Dimovski, Sofia
Enriquez, Grace
Etoll, Owen
Evans, Rachel
Falcone, Taylor
Finnerty, Sean
Formica, Lauren
Goodness, Hannah
Gratien, Joshua
Gray, Gracelyn
Herrera, Elle

Hogan, Jameson
Johnson, Isabella
Kleberg IV, David
Kleberg, Elena
Knohl, Caitlyn
Knohl, Connor
Knoll, Caroline
Kohanski, Morgan
Korrie, Alexa
Kurgan, Michael
Lancette, Alison
Leonardo, Isabel
Lopez, Cameron
MacLachlan, Nathan
McClave, Miley
McGlynn, Grace
McPeak, Elizabeth
Medeiros, Steven
Mueller, Elizabeth
Nagraj, Luciana
O'Reilly, Andrew
Pens, Grady
Pickett, Luke
Rewakowski, Mary
Roth, Helaina
Sainsbury, Katelyn
Saya-Pucello, Adriana
Simmons, Alexandria
Smithers, Samuel
Smyth, Shay
Sparks, Julia
Spasevski, Gianna
Stanton, Jane
Stiner, William
Stiner, Zero
Suddaby, Jackson
Taylor, Veronica
Terek, Julianna
Thomas, A'my
Thompson, Molly
Thornton, Ellie
Tjaden, Hannah
Walsh, Maggie
Young, Isabel
Zawadzki, Dominic
Zema, Rose Marie

Grade 10 Honor

Abdelfatah, Amana
Aboushanab, Abdelmeguid
Agle, Lucas
Ajagbe, Oluwafeyisike

Allen, Tate
Alt, Maille
Antoine, Ava
Balduzzi, Emily
Bergett, Grace
Burkett, Samantha
Burns, Phoebe
Caputo, Jocelyn
Cardoso, Anthony
Cecile, Annabella
Colangelo, Anabelle
Coss, Makaila
Detor, Claire
Donegan, Sophia
Dorfman, Molly
Eldred, Zane
Esposito, Stephen
Fitzgerald, Nora
Goral, Mya
Gorman, Emma
Griffin, Maxwell
Gumaer, Phoebe
Hamam, Israa
Hange, Georgia
Hayes V, Robert
Heise, Morgan
Henesey, Luke
Holowinski, Aubrey
Jetter, Siena
Joyce, Camaryn
Kelly, Caleigh
Kimball, Lauren
LaReau, Abigail
MacBain, Sydney
Mathews, Camryn
McCann, Julie
Medeiros, Sydney
Merrick, Thomas
Metzgar, Julian
Moro, Breyanna
Mulholland, Owen
Pease, Jack Ryan
Pirong, Joseph
Popp, Edward
Ramsing, Cadence
Robinson, Omar
Rodriguez, Olivia
Roesch, Elizabeth
Rose, Conor
Rosenberger, Kara
Scanlon, William
Scheel, Nicholas

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Sheridan, Riley
Sipley, Helena
Stanton, Laura
Starowicz, Avery
Sullivan, Grace
Tarolli, Evangelina
Taylor, Emily
Thabet, Ramzi
Thabet, Sabri
Valenti, Claire
Valenti, Sophia Ann

Grade 9 Honor

Aguayo, Isabella
Amidon, Aiden
Anderson, Elizabeth
Bruzdinski III, John
Campanella, Tyler
Carruthers, Adelynn

Clark, Riley Paige
Cognato, John
Cowin, Maxwell
Czaplicki, Benjamin
Eckert, Anna
Faigle, Grace Patricia
Forian, Gage
Ganley, Caroline
Goode, Delaney
Goode, Hadley
Goodness, Jackson
Goodwin, Zachary
Gorman, Grace
Hoffman, Sophia
Jackson, Anna
Kaczor, Stella
Kenny, Ronan
Kenny, Tiernan
Kincaid, Cormac

King, Kayleigh
Langham, Allison
Lopez, Collin
Militi, Eva
Mondo, Andrew
Mullen, Eileen
Napolitano, Stella
Olesh, Anita
Ortiz, Leila
Pens, Kellen
Perry, Alexa
Pope, Sienna
Prince, Elias
Reilley, Olivia
Roach, Meara
Rudiger, Abigail
Ryan, Molly
Sadowski, Andrew
Sainsbury, Claire

Sainsbury, Ryan
Satalin, Erin
Scarfino, Dominic
Schmitz, Lily
Shephard, Madicine
Shepherd, Ellis
Soule, Madelyn
Speer, Trinity
Stotler, Adam
Thabet, Layal
Thabet, Rudayna
Turner, Braelyn
Tyszka, Alexander
Valerino, Angelina
Vaughan, Margaret
Ward, Alexis
Wilbur, Jena
Young, Katherine

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2022-2023

Grade 8 High Honor

Alberts, Adeline
Altheblah, Brahim
Bagnell, Tatum
Bruzdinski, Lottie
Cardoso, Nicolas
Choe, Austin
Colangelo, Samantha
Conley, Colleen
DAGostino, Claire
DeLine, Lucas
Destito, Isabella
DeTomaso, Giana
Domick, Isabella
Gallardo, Isabella
Gehm, Tyler
Henesey, Matthew
Horning, Grace
Ide, Caitlin
Johnson, Sophia
Kelly, Claire
Kelly, Teagan
Kimball, Samantha

Kinney, Mary
Kodoe, Andrea-Ann
Krenrich, Kaitlin
MacLachlan, Thomas
McGee, Felicity
McRae, Ayanah
Montalto, Adelina
Murphy, Lucy
Nagraj, Mariana
Pawelczyk, Allison
Primiano, Eulalia
Rouse, Brielle
Scanlon, Charles
Shephard, Mathew
Sobotka, Mariusz
Soule, Eva
Spasevski, Ivana
Thabet, Dhuha
Vashchishin, Samuel
Walker, Elyse
West, Emma
Wilmot, Owen
Zuckerman, Zoe

Grade 8 Honor

Allen, Brooke
Allen, Max
Austin, Nevaeh
Clarry, Bryson
Conroy, Mackenzie
DeMore, Lucy
Detor, Mary
Ellis, Christine
Enright, Aaliyah
Finnerty, Ryan
Frasier, Jackson
Gray, Owen
Headd, John-Paul
Herne, Louis
Jackson, Jake
Johnston, Liam
Judge, Charles
Lasher, Sophia
McGann, Sean
McNeilly, Hazel
Moore, James
Murphy, Kaylin

Pease, Logan
Pendergast, Cooper
Rogers, Reagan
Ruski, Serenity
Ryan, Elliette
Taylor, Addison
Thabet, Edhem
Young, Daniel
Young, Trevor

Grade 7 High Honor

Almamari, Shahd
Athanas, Andrew
Auringer, Schuyler
Carruth, John
Centore, Angelina
Chaddock, Evan
Coleman, Reilly
Collacchi, Emma
Columbus, Hannah
DeFabbio, Sophia
Delay, Clare
Dixon, Reagan

OHMS Quarter 4 Honor Roll 2022-2023

Grade 7 High Honor cont'd

Donegan, Redd
Dowd, Cameron
Eldred, Jade
Flegel, Julia
Francisco, Dean
Gaines, Lyla
Ganley, Daniel
Gerasimovich, Isabella
Glover, Charles
Gridley, Dylan
Jaquint, Stone
Lin, Cayla
Maestri, David
Marceau, Adrien
Marinelli, Joseph
McMahon, Emmett
Mondo, Melissa
Morse, Shealyn
Napolitano, Sabine
Pichoske, Nicholas
Platt, Hayden
Powless, Shaniya
Presley, Alexandra
Rewakowski, Andrew
Root, Addison
Savelesky, Sofia
Scott, Khloe
Scozzari, Samuel
Spinner, Kaleigha
Starowicz, Fiona
Straub, Emily
Stroman, Grace
Tjaden, Julia
Tolbert, Peychenze
Tremblay, Addyson
Tyszka, William
Viscome, Cailin
Zheng, Winnie

Grade 7 Honor

Abraham, Bilal
Belcore, Rosella
Brunson, Jasmine
Buckman, Skylar
Buell, Sydney
Cassalia, Patrick
Cecile, Elsie
Cognato, Averie
Cordova, Christian
Culligan, Brea
Davidson, Owen
DelRio, Stef'Fonie

Dunbar, Teagan
Fogarty, Emma
Franco, Maxwell
Fuller, Emma
Fuller, Tyler
Gaffney, Liam
Glover, Henry
Grosso, Eva
Hamam, Aiham
Hange, Brooke
Hubler, Evan
Ibrahim, Ahmad
Kelly, Quinn
Ketchum, Hayden
MacMaster, Kaylie
Maines, Dawson
Martin, Scott
Mathews, Leigh
Morales, Willa
Ososkalo, Matthew
Parry, Evangeline
Pratt, Jackson
Ritz, Leo
Ross, Caleb
Satalin, David
Scarfino, Stella
Schug, McKenzie
Seitz, Noah
Tarolli, Thomas
Ziober, Beckham

Grade 6 High Honor

Auringer, Giada
Barcak, Natalie
Battista, Jacqueline
Besaw, Jacob
Brown, Juliana
Brown, Miraja
Burns, Madigan
Campanella, Luke
Canavan, Luna
Canavan, Virginia
Carroll, Elliott
Carson, Landon
Cobb, Logan
Colangelo, Carmella
Coleman, Reagan
Collett, Reagan
Condon, Madigan
Cook, Jack
Czaplicki, Kate
Danboise III, Real
DeLine, James

Destito, Amelia
Detor, Bridget
Dhamoon, Gurtej
Dimovski, Luka
Ellis, Nicholas
Engle, Isabella
Etoll, Keira
Flegel, Jackson
Fowler, Tyler
Durant, Clark
Fraser, Brady
Friend, Connor
Fuller, Owen
Gallardo, Sophie
Giannino, Arianna
Green, Dylan
Greenfield, Gavin
Gregory, Na'Zariah
Grenton, Lamere
Gumtow, Evey
Horning, Anne
Hubler, Audrey
Hughes, Elizabeth
Jackson, Griffin
Johnson, Lyric
Judge, Antonia
Konkol, Khaya
Krenrich, Emily
LaSalle, Amelia
Mahoney, Audrey
Mann, Gabriella
Manning, Kierra
Marshall, Spencer
McGann, Reese
Montalto, Eliana
Morgan, Ella
Naima, Salma
Olesh, Sofia
Paparo, Morgan
Pendergast, Tanner
Pratt, Tyler
Preville, Nicholas
Primiano, Adelina
Quattrocci, Bryan
Ramos, Cielo
Rogers, Brian
Scanlon, Michael
Scheirer, Gianna
Schermerhorn, Kiley
Schilling, Aedan
Sisack, Brynna
Soule, Charles
Speer, Madilin

Sprouse, Eamon
Stoddard, Franklin
Storinge, Harry
Tjaden, Trey
Valenti, Michael
Walsh, Reagan
Walsh, Riley
Wright, Beckett
Young, Elizabeth
Zhdan, Yuliia
Zuckerman, Alexander

Grade 6 Honor

Abdelfatah, Sela
Altheblah, Yusuf
Bleskoski, Everett
Boatman, London
Brown, Lloyd
Castle, Josephine
Chase, Livia
Donegan, Daniel
Eurich, Lucas
Gumtow, Vita
Hagan, Albert
Haynes, Maddison
Headd, Matthew
Hoegler, Brayden
Johnson, Owen
LeFever, Alaina
Liedka, Gabrielle
Meola, Nicholas
Obernesser, Charles
Peck, Cameron
Primerano, Dominick
Rashid, Tefferro
Reynolds, Abigail
Robinson, Cassius
Rowley, Mya
Rufus, Levaja
Sales, Simone
Sampo, Dominic
Sierotnik, Lillian
Sobotka, Stockton
Taylor, Matthew
Terek, Addison
Thabet, Alyaa
West, William
White, Layla
Wright, Liam
Zema, Nic

Cherry Road School

Marion Parsons Achievement Award

The Marion Parsons Achievement Award is awarded to two students in the fourth grade class that exemplify 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. The award recipients are determined through a collaboration between the second, third and fourth grade teachers, along with specials teachers, teaching assistants and the administrator at Cherry Road School. This year's winners are Somayah Altheblah and Joseph Widrick.



Ron Hill School Spirit Award

The Ronald Hill School Spirit Award is awarded to two fourth grade students that demonstrate exemplary character traits that Mr. Hill exemplified while principal at Cherry Road School. Some of these traits include kindness, patience, empathy, a sensitivity towards fairness, a willingness to help others and being able to persevere when presented with challenges as well as demonstrating a good sense of humor. The award recipients are also determined through a collaboration between all fourth grade teachers, specials teachers, teaching assistants and the administrator at Cherry Road School. The 2022-2023 winners for the Ronald Hill School Spirit Award are Connor Collacchi and Ellen Obernesser.



Communication Friendly Playground

This spring, Cherry Road had some exciting updates! We have added a double-sided "communication board" to the playground where students have pictures to help them in communicating various wants and needs to teachers, as well as fun things between friends. This is especially helpful for our students who utilize a communication device to help them speak throughout their day, which can be a cumbersome item to carry around the playground. The first day it was installed, our students were already putting it to use during recess. They are loving it and now all communication levels can utilize it to bridge interactions between all peers and adults. A special shout-out to the speech team (Kelli Carsten, Rose Bianchetti and Kathlene Hunter), special education team (Shelby Dusart and Marianna Politis-Tacea) and the grounds team (Steve Luvadis) and many others, but most importantly, the Westhill Educational Foundation for making this all possible.



Walberta Park School

Juneteenth Celebration

WPS Students read the story, A Flag for Juneteenth, by Kim Taylor. In the story, formerly enslaved people celebrate their freedom by making flags. The students made their own Juneteenth flags to celebrate the holiday. Pictured below students from Mrs. Francisco's class holding flags they made.



Moving Up Day

On June 16, students, staff and families celebrated first graders' accomplishments during the moving up ceremony. Students will be moving on to CRS in the fall. WPS staff are so proud of all the hard work these students have done. We will miss them, and wish them well in second grade!



Flag Day

Due to inclement weather, students celebrated Flag Day with an indoor parade. WPS students did not let the rain get them down! They celebrated in the gym with a rousing sing along led by music teacher, Mrs. Colaluca



Beloved Teachers Retire

After many years of service, teachers, Teresa DeMatties and Wendy Snyder, are retiring. Mrs. DeMatties most recently taught kindergarten and has taught 2nd grade in the past. Mrs. Snyder has taught 1st grade and served as the 1st grade distance learning teacher during the pandemic. The pair will be greatly missed, and we wish them well in retirement!



Westhill Educational Foundation

The Westhill Educational Foundation is pleased to announce our grant recipients for the 2022-2023 academic year. Due to the continued support of our donors and community members the Foundation was able to award nearly \$30,000 to Westhill educators throughout the fall and spring, benefiting student learning and supplementing the curriculum in new and interesting ways. The winners of this years grants are:

Chicks Experience, Jen Stanton

First grade students at Walberta Park were given the chance to learn about the life cycle of a chick and see baby chicks hatch and grow. Teachers connected this experience to students' EL lessons on birds as well as their science unit on how to care for living things.

Westhill Day of Jazz, Liz Buell

This grant supported Westhill Day of Jazz featuring CNY based Jazz combo ESP. The day-long event included two in-school performances by ESP for students in grades 5-12, two hands-on afternoon workshops with instrumental and vocal jazz students in grades 6-12 and concluded with a public performance on the evening of April 11.

Virtual Reality...Coming to a Classroom Near You!, Karen Fenner

Four virtual reality headsets and educational apps were purchased for use at Westhill High School. Headsets will be loaded with educational apps in specific content areas and teachers will be able to borrow the headsets to provide an immersive experience that complements the content that they are teaching.

Insights and Inspirations an Author Visit with Victoria Jamieson, Penny Feeney

This spring, author Victoria Jamieson visited OHMS. Funding from this grant helped to create excitement prior to the event and support the author visit.

Revisiting the American Revolution in Historic Philadelphia, Sarah Starowicz

This grant helped WHS students participating in the Academic Decathlon an opportunity to go on an immersive learning trip to explore and study "The American Revolution and the New Nation" in the birthplace of our Nation, Philadelphia PA. With this experience students were able to gain a better understanding of The American Revolution through hands-on, engaging experiences.

PS I Love You, Diane Maglente

Students at OHMS benefitted from this grant, which provided a school-wide day of activities to promote positive self-worth and encourage healthy choices. In addition, students had the opportunity to listen to two speakers, Marc Mero, founder of Champion of Choices, and Kayla McKeon, Special Olympian and lobbyist for the National Down Syndrome Society as they addressed students with messages of compassion, acceptance, positive relations and self-worth.

Nature Exploration Snowshoes, Alaina Weinsztok

This grant provided funding for a class set of snowshoes to be used for animal trekking, bird watching, and winter exploration. They will be used at Westhill High School for students in environmental science and biology classes and can also be used in physical education classes.

DECA State Conference, Erin Ryan

This grant helped to support WHS students who competed in the DECA State Conference in Rochester this past March. Students attended various workshops relating to business concepts and participated in role-plays of real-life business scenarios.

Supply Closet, Westhill Diversity Committee, Beth Kramer, Beth Piorkowski and Tammy Hollis-Breen

This grant helped to implement supply closets at each of the four schools in the district. The objective is to provide students access to school and personal supplies and is intended to both increase access to these items for all students and reduce the burden on staff who typically purchase these items for students when needed.

Manga Magic, Penny Feeney

Through this grant, the OHMS library was able to build its graphic novel collection by adding a series of Manga books. This grant provided funds to purchase the first 25 books of the Manga series Hikyu!!! By Haruichi Furudate.

Representation Matters, Karen Fenner

This grant will create a special collection of books at both the Onondaga Hill Middle School Library and the Westhill High School Library that address the language needs of students. The collections will consist of books that support English Language Learners (ELL) and books in Spanish and French to support our World Language curriculum in both buildings.

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