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Westhill's Quarterback Awarded Dunkin' Donuts Action News Athlete



Michael DeCarr was awarded the Channel 3 Dunkin' Donuts Action News Athlete Award on Thursday, November 6th. Michael is the starting quarterback for the Warriors football team and a two-sport athlete at Westhill participating in both football and baseball. Persevering through injury, Michael led the Warriors to the Carrier Dome for the Section III Class B Championship game for the second consecutive year. Congratulations, Michael!

Onondaga Hill Middle School Tech Club Competes at the MOST

On Saturday, November 15th, seven teams from the OHMS Tech Club, consisting of 7th and 8th grade students, competed against 40 other teams from schools in Onondaga County. Students were given the task to design and construct a truss bridge made out of balsa wood that would obtain a high efficiency rating. The efficiency rating is derived by dividing the amount of weight the bridge was able to support by the weight of the bridge itself. By using basic engineering principles and exploring different designs, students created



their own design and built the bridge over a 3-week period. The team of Vincenzo Carr, Zack Sovocool, and Joseph Bleskoski was awarded Best Design. Team members Jordan Roach, Brieana Robbins-Mulroy and John Mitrzyk received 3rd place. Congratulations go out to all of the competing members for a job well done. The remaining 5 teams included Maddie Pierce, Alexandria Korzeniowski, Ashley McGrath, David Coons, Holly LaVoy, Matt Sovocool, Drake VanOrnam, Joey Giarrusso, Jordan Files, Eddie Kernan, Marc Stallknecht, and Jack Zell. This competition was sponsored by the MOST, Lockheed Martin, the Technology Alliance of CNY, and the L. C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University.

Westhill Community Rallies Behind Fire Victims

Earlier this month, the Ososkalo family of Westvale had a house fire that severely damaged their house and belongings. The entire school community rallied around the cause raising over \$3,500 to support the family.

Pictured here is Mike Leuze, physical education teacher, presenting a check to Athletic Director, Matt Whipple, to give to the family. The funds were raised through a knockout basketball tournament held during gym classes. The Holy Shirt clothing company donated shirts to the winning class and individuals.



Mars Mission Students Donate Pies to Rescue Mission

Thank you to everyone who purchased pies for Westhill's Mars Mission fundraiser to benefit their upcoming trip in March to Arizona State University. They will work with NASA scientists to photograph Mars. The group made over \$900 and sent 54 pies to the Rescue Mission to be served for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thanks also to those who attended the fundraiser at the Uno Chicago Grill in the Carousel Center on Thursday, November 20th. The group earned approximately \$70 to help with the trip on this day.

Westhill's Mars Mission will be hosting an additional fundraising night at Tully's Restaurant on Thursday, December 18th. Come take a break from your holiday shopping and have dinner with us at Tully's on West Genesee Street!



Students delivering pies to the Rescue Mission.



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING Westhill High School

Bring the coupon below to Tully's Good Times 3355 W. Genesee Street on December 18, 2008

Have dinner and support your local charity! Tully's will donate 10% of the sales for the day (excluding tax and tip) brought in by your group.



Please donate a portion of my check from December 18, 2008 to:

Westhill High School

Westhill Lady Warriors Sign Division I Letters of Intent



Sam Marshall, Mackenzie Rainone, and Annie O'Connor.

Samantha Marshall, daughter of Andrea Venuti and Roger Marshall, a three-year varsity lacrosse player, signed with American University. Sam is a three-sport athlete participating also at the varsity level in soccer Carly Cooper with Coach Sue Ludwig and family. and basketball.

During the month of November, four standout Westhill athletes signed their letters of intent to participate in Division I college athletics. On November 12, 2008, students Samantha Marshall, Mackenzie Rainone, and Annie O'Connor all signed with Division I colleges to play women's lacrosse.



Mackenzie Rainone signed her letter to play lacrosse with the University of Connecticut Huskies. Mackenzie is the daughter of Joe and Kathy Rainone, and is a four-year varsity lacrosse player. Mackenzie also participates on the soccer and indoor track teams.

Wagner College signed Westhill senior, Annie O'Connor, daughter of James and Jordia O'Connor. Annie is a two-sport athlete at Westhill and a three-year varsity lacrosse player. She also participates on the Lady Warriors varsity basketball team.

On November 14, 2008, Carly Cooper, daughter of Jeffrey and Lori Cooper, signed with the Saints of Siena College where she will be playing basketball. Carly is a four-year participant at the varsity level and has scored 955 points entering her senior season. Carly is a two-sport athlete at Westhill and is a major contributor on both the soccer and basketball teams.

Student Art Open 2008 (Un)doing Fashion

Four Westhill students will have artwork on exhibit at the Everson Museum of Art. Maura Farrell, Becky Wind, Aimie Goebel, and Joe Savastano each have a piece that will be on display in the Student Art Open, "(Un)doing Fashion" until February 1st. The Opening is December 22nd, from 5-7 PM. Ten local high schools are participating in the show.



High School ECOS Club Battery Collection

In recognition of America Recycles Day on November 15th, the High School ECOS Club (Environmentally Concerned and Organized Students) conducted a household battery collection. Household batteries contain numerous materials that are hazardous when deposited in landfills. Homerooms are competed for a breakfast party sponsored by the ECOS club. Students are bringing in AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, and button type batteries that will be properly recycled.

Congratulations to Mrs. Galey's homeroom, with only 9 students, for winning this year by bringing in an astounding 487 batteries! In a very close second place was Mrs. Danaher's homeroom, which contributed 464 batteries to the effort. Third place honors go to Mrs. Cornell's homeroom with 326 batteries collected. The total number of batteries collected was 2810. Pictured below are the batteries that were collected during last year's effort.



District residents are encouraged to visit OCRRA's website (www.ocrra.org) for more information on recycling. Club advisors Marcia Ferguson, Douglas Heath and Tracy Willey continue to encourage all of our students and faculty members to *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle*.

French National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to the members of the French National Honor Society for the 2008-2009 school year. Our annual Induction Ceremony was held in the Westhill High School library on October 27th, with over 30 parents in attendance and 28 new inductees. Each current member proudly presented a new member, in French, as parents read the translation in English shown on PowerPoint slides. Principal Lee Roscoe presented cords to the senior members. They will wear these at graduation in June. The ceremony ended with a dessert buffet provided by the families of the senior members. The French National Honor Society is recognized nationwide and is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. In order to become a member, students must maintain an 88% average for 2 years in French and at least an 80% average overall. Membership continues through high school as long as the qualifications are met and the students are actively studying French.



Caitlin Coleman receives her French Honor Society graduation cord from Principal Lee Roscoe.

Newly inducted juniors were: Joseph Alcaro, Mary Bailey, Kimberly Bogardus, Caroline Buonocore, James Butler, Maureen Carey, Kathryn Christensen, Meredith D'Angelo, Bethany Dickinson, Heather Fennell, Elizabeth Forrest, Samuel Garofano, Sean Gilroy, Molly Gosson, Emily Haggerty, Molly Hubert, Melissa Irwin, Jeffrey Law, Keegan Lounsbery, Maria Mangine, Kathleen McDermott, Ben Miesner, Jessica Mooney, Kayla Pedrotti, Andre Remillard, Kirsten Schoenborn, Dylan Tripodi, and Aubrey Zych.

Seniors receiving cords were: Danielle Almonte, Alexandra Ciciriello, Caitlin Coleman, Amanda Eicholzer, Shannon Flattery, Margaret Lee, Emma LeStrange, Emily Mangicaro, Chris Moore, Adam Nicolais, Ben Owens, Kelsey Persons, MacKenzie Rainone, Kelly Riley, Michael Rowan, Alexa Rudy, Bridget Stack, and Thomas Welch.

Grade 12 Barnello, Mia Katherine Betts, Brittany E. Bogardus, Tyler John Bright, Erin Diana Centore, Thomas Michael Clancy, Heather Clancy, Kelly Connelly, Ashley Lyn Conway, Michael Jason Cooper, Carly Marnette Dimond, Mary Ellen Downs, Nicholas O'Hara Dwyer, Bridgette Eicholzer, Amanda Lauren Epifani, Michael Noble Ferrara, Taylor Anne Feyerabend, Craig Flattery, Shannon Leigh Fortunato, Gina Melisande Gingold, Havanna Rose Golembiewski, Valerie Lynn Grome, Michael William Grzasko, Heather Kelly, Devin Kise, Marshall Alan Kuney, Kelsey Pauline Langdon, Abagail Elizabeth LaVoy, Ashley Lynn Lee, Margaret Theresa Lemmo, Patrick Hart LeStrange, Emma Karine Longo, Benjamin Augustus Mangicaro, Emily Grace Manzano, Daniel Joseph Martin, Ross Allen Mascari, Michael Paul Micheletti, Krista M Miklich, Elise Marie Moore, Christopher Michael Nicholas, Kyle Robert Nicolais, Adam Michael Owens, Benjamin Terry Parkinson, Patrick John Piazza, Kathryn Anne Piscitell, Lauren Marie Rainone, MacKenzie Lynn Ramsden, Cassandra Rae Rathbun, Caitlin Elizabeth Reale, Alyssa Ann Rowan, Michael Edward Scutari, Francesca Marie Stack, Bridget A. Strough, Joshua Alan Tucci, Julian Christopher Turley, Shannon Welch, Thomas Watson Wickersham, Claire Elizabeth

Grade 11 Abend, Faith Anne Alcaro, Joseph Thomas Bailey, Mary Elizabeth Baker, Kristen Courtne Bardenett, Bryan Christopher Beeman, Emily Anne Bogardus, Kimberly Anna Brennan, Ryan Michael Briggman, Mary Elizabeth Brusa, David Joseph Buonocore, Caroline Elizabeth Butler, James Maxwell Capella, James Alexander Carey, Maureen Amanda Carr, Jacquelyn Marie Christensen, Kathryn Ann Coon, Catherine Coons, William Martin Costa, Michael Anthony D'Angelo, Meredith Renee Darlington, Thomas Edward DeFilippo, Alec Edward Dickinson, Bethany Xiaoming Diglio, Nicole Marie Dillon, John Conway Eipp, Daniel Michael Fennell, Heather Lynn Fowler, Elizabeth Hope French, Zachary Louis Gilroy, Sean Patrick Gorman, Mallory Ann Graf, Leonard James Granish, Robert Stephen Grimsley, Travis R. Haggerty, Emily Marcia Hewitt, Cory Patrick Hubert, Molly Kate Irwin, Melissa Nicole Karleski, Daniel Patrick Kinsella II, John Michael Kline, Brianna S. Law, Jeffrey Blair Lenkiewicz, Katherine E. Lesins, Alexander Mangine, Maria Catherine Marilley, Heather McDermott, Kathleen Rose Miesner, R. Benjamin Mooney, Jessica Lynn Newman, Briana Leigh Pollock, Jenna Elyse Powers, Katherine Purcell, Claire Elizabeth Radin, Elana Zoe Remillard, Andre Clemo Root, Morgan Foley

Schoenborn, Kirsten Mary

Sheridan, Elizabeth Claire Stack, Fiona M. Stirpe, Kayla Marie Tavolacci, Matthew Francis Tripodi, Dylan Jon Vadnais, Daniel Joseph Valenti, Salvatore Jacob Visconti, Megan Elizabeth Whiteside, Tiphanie Robin Wild, Shirley Helana Wind, Rebecca Ann

Beeman, Briana Mackenzie

Grade 10

Bornstein, Zachary Thomas Bukhari, Danish Syed Byrne, Connor James Celeste, Erin Elizabeth Chapin, Nathaniel Stephen Chrisfield, Benjamin James Coholan, Kyle James Corning, Matthew John Daily, Sarah Nicole Davis, Janina Joy DeKay, Brian John DeMatties, Meaghan Chelsea Deming, Alexandra P. Derrenbacher, Emily Mary Detota, Lee Everett DiPaola, Elizabeth Jeanne Dole, Harrison Joseph Dole, Samuel Williamson Ducett, Katie Elizabeth Fagan, Kevin Luke Files, Jake Michael Flattery, Patrick James Ganley, John Gustave Gillette, Andrew Scott Godzak, Nicholas William Grome, Erich David Hart, Sage Marin Hartnett, Irene Janet Hemmes, Bethany Michelle Jurkiewicz, Devin Thomas Kaushal, Ritika Kelly, Cole Steven LaBarge, Laura Rose Lamphear, Brendon Louis Lane, Meaghan Grace Lopez, Susan Marie Ludovico, Alexis Michelle Manzano, Ryan David McAvoy, Kevin Robert Murphy, Clare Rose Murphy, John Edward Neely, Nancy Elizabeth

O'Connor, Bridget Mary Ososkalo, Oksana Owens, Rachel Elizabeth Peck, Douglas Scott Pecori, Laura Virginia Perry, Lauren Marie Persons, Jared Christoph Rotella, Kristina Diane Sartori, Corinne Elizabeth Shaffer, Kandice Ashley Shampine, William C. Sherlock, Brianna L Sniper, Bradley Charles Snyder, Joseph Stallknecht, Matthew Allen Syron, Mark Daniel Tadrus, Abeer George Trendowski, Matthew R. Tripp, Alexander Edward Veit, Nicole Elizabeth Wilton, Joshua James Wong, George Nathaniel Zimmerman, John Charles

Grade 9

Barnello, Christian Robert Baron, Stephanie Morgan Beeman, Erica Marie BenYehuda, Liat Bott, Lauren Kimberly Brusa, Michael Vincent Bush, Allie Marie Butler, Deborah Ann Carkner, Sarah Quinn Ciciriello, Matthew Paul Clark, Luke Anthony Clark, Matthew David Cooper, Haylee Constance DeGouff, Rachel Lynn Deming, Nicole Elena Dieffenbach, Claire Louise Dillon, Kathleen Applegate Dougherty, Gwendolyn E. Downs, William Jacob Dwyer, Margaret Elizabeth Eipp, Erika Renae Elleman, Dana Morgan Erwin, Brandon Paul Fagan, Katherine Senne Gacek, Kassandra Haley Gebhardt, Phillip James Godzak, Alexander Michael Golembiewski, Andrea Ellen Grace, Timothy Dalton Graf, David Joseph Griffith, Kevin Michael Griffo, Carrie Ann

Honis Jackson Andrew Hubert, Madeline Catherine Hunt, Kyle Jeffrey Kinsella, Jacob Edward Klink, Julie Barbara Kuney, Ethan Patrick Laible, Alec Paul Lamb, Mitchell LaPenna, Joseph Roger Laskowski, Joshua Lucas McBride, C. Bailey Meluni, Joseph Daniel Mengucci, Margaret Therese Mevec, Alexander Mondo, Alison Grace Nicola, Owen Michael Nigolian, Jacob William O'Connor, Colleen Taylor Olesh, Eduard Olesh, Yaroslav S. Ososkalo, Moses Parkinson, Elizabeth Ann Pecheny, Oksana Powers, Jack Rainone, Brenna Kathleen Remillard, Olivia Clemo Ricci, Celia Marie Ristoff, Kelly Vernette Sample, Student Scaravillo, Anthony Michael Schoenborn, Patrick Jason Scutari, Selina Camille Servatius, Jacob Edward Sheridan, Timothy Robert Smith Peter Scott Tadros, Farideh Tremont, Gabriela Antonia Underwood, Steven Paul Vadnais, Rachel Jeanne VanOrnam, Zachary Ward Visconti, Patrick Robert Washburn, Thomas Mills Wickersham, Patrick James Wood, Stephen Anthony Wright, Tyler James Zabel, David Christie Zell Kalia

Nigolian, Nathan Sarkis

Michelangelo Visits Syracuse

In October, students from Mrs. Murphy's and Mrs. Ungerer's 10RS English and Global History, Mrs. Blocklin's 9 Honors Global History, and Mr. Conti's Advanced Placement World History classes, attended the Syracuse University Art Galleries exhibition, **Michelangelo: The Man and the Myth.** The exhibition included

more than a dozen original drawings and writings by the Renaissance master.



Back row: Walter Kelly, Asia Campbell, Mrs. Ungerer, Ludmilla Timoshchuk, Kelli Smith, Jessica Bender, Dan Kelly, and Kelly Ryan. Middle row: Laura Pecori, Devin Messina, Alana Arnold. Front row: Mrs. Steinman, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Catalano.





Back row: Kelly Ristoff, Gabby Tremont, Liat Ben Yehuda, Maddie Hubert, Kathleen Dillon, Meg Dwyer, Kasey Fagan, Kassandra Gacek, Zach Van Ornam, and Josh Eassa. Front row: Erica Beeman, Olivia Remillard, Tom Washburn, Jack Honis, Owen Nicola, Will Downs, and Jacob Servatius. Not Shown: Mrs. Blocklin and Mrs. Jesmain.

Crêpe Sale to Benefit a School in Sudan

Once again, French Club and French National Honor Society teamed up to sponsor the 4th Annual Crêpe Sale during IA on November 6th at Westhill High School. Over 30 members of the two clubs brought in supplies and then prepared and sold about 150 crêpes to students and staff to help support our friend Gabriel Bol Deng's fund to build a new school in his village in Sudan. Gabriel is one of the "Lost Boys from Sudan" who came to our school last year as a guest speaker. His fund for the Ariang Education Project has become a bit of a *cause célèbre* at our school. Since Westhill students have come to enjoy this culinary tradition, we were delighted to be able to donate \$165 to the Ariang Project. *Un grand merci* to all those that supported the activity.



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Teen Institute 2008

Packed into a bus with students from Marcellus and Skaneateles, a small group from Westhill headed off for **Teen Institute** with many other groups from area schools. Unsure of what to expect, unacquainted with the other students, and wary about giving up all electronic devices (including cell phones) for an entire weekend, the kids all say it was amazing, unforgettable, and extremely worthwhile.

The weekend began around 3 PM on Thursday, November 13th, and ran until midday on Sunday. During that time, days were jam-packed with ice breaker and group sharing activities, in addition to various workshops on effective leadership, school violence,

drug and alcohol prevention, and dealing with stress. Students planned and performed light-hearted, hysterically funny skits (each with a message). Action-planning sessions were also built-in so that groups could discuss how to share the message and enthusiasm within their home schools.

Long days filled with activities, group discussions, and shared meals in a picturesque camp setting on Seneca Lake brought strangers together and ended with new friendships being formed and lasting memories created. The quiet bus ride from Marcellus on Thursday was nothing like the rowdy ride home on Sunday with new friends sharing a common experience that was awesome! Attending from Westhill were Morgan Roach and Meghan DeMatties, along with chaperone Mrs. Jesmain.

Science Comes Alive

On October 18th, twenty-three Earth Science students went on a field trip led by Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Pounder. Sites visited included the "disappearing lake" in Marcellus, the Tully Valley mudslide, Kettle Lakes, and the Outwash Plain in Tully. Students also collected samples from glacial deposits to be studied later in class.

They also visited one of the best fossil collecting sites in Central New York. They found trilobites, brachiopods, and crinoids. Their last stop included Labrador Pond and Tinkers Falls. All had a great time!



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Grade 8

High Honor Roll

Blydenburgh, Alexis Jayne Bornstein, Abigail Morgan Byrne, Maeve Kathleen Carello, Adrianna C. Carrock, Benjamin Louis Cerino, Chloe Grace Cisternino, Michael Anthony Colella, Toni-marie Davis, Genevieve Rose Dorsey, Meghan Lynne Easterly, Nicole Brooke Erwin, Ross Allan Ganley, Dana Jo Giarrusso, Joseph Michael Gosson, Madeline Margaret Gratien, Daniel Richard Irwin, Megan Joelle Karleski, Kevin Matthew Krzykowski, Gretchen Sheila McGraw, Kathleen Hannon McGraw, Kevin Doehner Olesh, Pavel S. Patsos, Ella Frances Perry, Rachel Anne Pilacky, Rachel Hannah Rae, Jennifer Marie Scholl, Emily W. Scutari, Emilia Michelle Sgroi, Angelo Lucias Sweeny, Brianna Elaine Tackley, Nicole J. Thompson, Juliana Izuno Tripodi, Margaret Mae VanOrnam, Drake Ward Vecchio, Amanda Kristen Walsh, Benjamin James Zoanetti, Rachel Rose

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Albright, James Alexander Antonini, Brendan Thomas Antonucci, Alec Giovanni Balintfy, Carley A. Bartowski, Emily Tatiana Benjamin, Melissa Marie Bunce, Casey Patrick Burgess, Carly Patricia Catone, Conner Erin Centore, Jake Horton Chrestler, Theoge Aaron Clark, Kathleen Anne Mary Connelly, Alexis Rose Coombs, Alexander Ryan Davis, MacKenzie Marie DeMatties, Marissa Anne Devendorf, Brandon Michael Doerner, Nicholas Gerald Drexler, Kevin Lowery Dwyer, Ryan Louis Eaton, Lauren Rose Eckert, Jenna Margaret Fleming, Eileen Fowler, Jonathan Edward Furco, Alanna Marie Geiler, Emma Irene Goebel, Joseph Luke Haber, Jackson Thomas Haynes, Daniel Richard Haynes, Shaquasha Shunay Hennigan, Owen William Herholtz, Nicholas G. Johnston, Krista Marie

Keyes, Matthew Trevor Kinney, Matthew Emmett Klein, Athena Christine Kochanek, Maryellen Lamphear, Louis Jr. Langdon, Phoebe Catherine LaVoy, Holly Marie LeGendre, Isiah Thomas Letizia, Francis Anthony Lobasco, Nicholas Joseph Longo, Luke Charles Marilley, Lauren Elizabet Mascari, Kelly McKeen Matukas, Kelsey Ann Mayer, Phoebe Lynn McMullen, Brian Patrick McMullen, Matthew Ryan Mizer, Emily Elizabeth Monahan, Calen Paige Mrozek, Evan David Nolan, Abigail Elizabeth Olesh, David Panighetti, Jenna Marie Pecori, James Wolfram Persons, Emily June Peterson, Robert James Pierce, Mariah Rose Powell, Connor Emrys Pullano, Anna Noelle Ouackenbush, Anna Maria Rader, Erica A. Radin, Evan Joseph Rathbun, Claire Bernadette Redmond, Jacob Brian Rogers, Leigha Christina Rogers, Peter Anthony Russo, Amy Maria Ryan, Lyndsey Marie Shaffer, Mariah Lindsay Sherlock, Bridget Marie Smith, Erika Marie Sovocool, Matthew John Tangredi, Gabriella Anna Tartaglia, Alison Elizabeth Thomson, Madelyn Rosemarie Townley, Abbey Therese Valenti, Peter Mariano West, Heather Ann Wild, Michael James Williams, Mickayla Lee Witkin, Andrew Pilgrim Wolfe, Kelli Ann

Grade 7 **High Honor Roll**

BenYehuda, Barak Berry, Rachel Marie Brown, Michael Jacob Burrows, Christopher Louis Carr, Vincenzo Carroc Cash, Kaitlin Rainey Celeste, Brian Patrick Chang, Daniel Waun Chapin, Fletcher Taliesin Christensen, Erin Elizabeth Coates, Caroline Phillips Dashley, Victoria Lauren DeKay, Sean Michael Denzak, Brian Patrick Elias, Daemon Rizk Fagan, Mark Edward Farrell, Patrick Julian Files, Jordan Daniel Fitch, Kyle Jay

Gedney, Annaleigh Crispin Grabda, Marina Elizabeth Helfeld, Brianna Elizabeth Kernan, Edward William King, Tyler John Klink, Elizabeth Rose Kosciewicz, Christine Marie Laible, Ryann Elizabeth Lee, MaryKatherine Anne Liberati, Maggie Lynn Loyd, Chandler Barrett Morrissey, Amanda Elise Owens, Joshua Christopher Paraszczak, Kalyna K. Paraszczak, Michael J. Peebles, Samantha Marren Perry, Matthew Scott Pierce, Madeline Louise Powers, Grace McMenamin Puglisi, Brett Joseph Pullano, Nichole Louise Rinaldi, Hope Christina Ristoff, Jared Jerome Root, Jennifer Anne Ross, Anna Theresa Scharoun, Elizabeth Hynds Scrimale, Santina Elizabeth Shampine, Alexander Cameron Sizing, Zachary Taylor Skeele, Alexander LaMont Slade, Elizabeth Lauren Sovocool, Zachary Mark Stallknecht, Marc Lee Useva, Anastasija Toni Washburn, Emily Margaret Zell, Jack Joseph

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Bandel, Kaitlyn Teresa Billy, William Edward Bleskoski, Joseph Kenneth Brown, Alexander Joseph Brusa, Christopher John Carkner, Abigail Lynn Centore, John Hartnett DeLaura-Ariola, Nicole S. Delles, Lindsey Marie Denzak, Kevin Michael Dower, Sophia Marie Fesinger, Brenden Michael Henson, Collin James Hodkinson, Jessica Michelle Kelly, Aidan Elizabeth Kelly, Eric Michael Kelly, Timothy Robert Kessinger, Sean Joseph Kessler, Emily Marie Keyes, Nicholas Robert Killory, Elizabeth Mary Kinsella, Thomas S. Korzeniowski, Alexandria R. Lefebvre, Rachel Marie Lippert, Lindsey Renee MacKnight, Michael Ryan Magdziuk, Kyle Noe McAfee, Malia Michelle McGrath, Ashley Elizabeth Mitrzyk, John Scott Moffitt, Scott Aaron Moffitt, Shannon Marie Moran, Haley Joy Mrozek, Alexander Robert Mulroy-Robbins, Brieana M. Muolo, Julian Antonio O'Connor, Daniel Dietrich

O'Connor, Samuel David Patchett, Kyle Andrew Paventi, Amanda Jane Payne, John Anselmo Perry, Courtney Nicole Schoonmaker, Morgan Ashley Scott, David Thomas Scrimale, James Charles Shaffer, Erica Lynn Spinek, Molly Kathryn Sterly, Isabella Bailey Stevenson, Williams McCabe Szentmiklosi, Eric Scott Tadros, Jeryis Anthony Timoshchuk, Vitaly Torak, Matthew Robert Turan, Brian David Walsh, Alec Ashmore Wild, Erica Julie Wild, Kayla Ann Zabel, Alyssa Devon

Grade 6

High Honor Roll

Ballard, Cain Thomas Bleskoski, Lauren Elizabeth Burgay, Stephen Francis Carrock, Abigail Catheri Clark, Molly Barbara Cruty, Amanda Renee Diefendorf, Claire M. Dougherty, Joshua Liam Eassa, Brianna Elise Eicholzer, Annelise G. Felter, Maura Rose French, Andrew John Gosson, Lydia Kathleen Haber, Isabella Alexis Hart, Skye Mistral Heaphy, Brendan James Hewitt, Claire Deanna Jones, Natalie Elizabe Kersey, Michael Jacob Linton, Brianna Morgan Lippert, Kelly Jean Mancabelli, Olivia Marie March, Ethan Andrew McAnaney, Elizabeth M. Meluni, Elizabeth Ann Mevec, Nathan Joseph Miesner, Nathaniel C. Onoff, Nina Katherine Ososkalo, Veniamin Polacek, Alexandra M. Puleo, Nicholas John Rolince, Tyler Joseph Simmons, Brandon O'Brien Strott, Matthew John Vadnais, Andrew T. Walsh, Samuel Thomas

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Abbamont, Thomas Edward Albright, Christian Thaddeus Antonacci III, Robert E. Awad, Nicole Joanna Bailey, Steven Jacob Baker, Claire Elizabeth Bennett, Morgan E. Boyle, Allison Joan Bush, Peter James Commisso, Krista Marie Coombs, Sarah Noel Culligan, Crue Patrick

Cunningham, Alexandra Grace Daily, Brian James Davis, Shamus Patrick DeMauro, Daniel Joseph Dieffenbach, Matthew T. Doner, Michael Joseph Ducett III, Keith Earl Easterly III, Richard Bruce Etoll, Jacob Thomas Fergot, Levi Nicholas Forster, Tristram McIndoe Geiler, Michael David Goebel, Will Adam Goodman, Christopher M. Graves, Lindsay Leanne Hayes, McKenzie Paulin Hoyne, Ciara Catherine Hurteau, Lily JoanYing Johnson, Michael E. Katko, Andrew William Kaushal, Kunal Kramer, Taylor Lane Krupa, Jacob Stephen LaChance, Gabriel Joseph Lobello, Jeffrey Peter Martin, Kyle C. McAfee, Noelani Marie McMahon, Carter E. McPeak, Sierra Lynn Millman, Nicole Janelle Monds, Tatiana Montemayor, Joseph Fox Newton, Gregory Daniel Nottingham, Regina Anne O'Connell, Daniel Brennan O'Hern, Julianna Katherine O'Neill, Mae Harrington Obrist, Ryan Patrick Olesh, Dmitriy S. Overdyk, Maxwell Bernard Padovano, Benjamin John Peluso, Alissa Morgan Perry, Japera Valshy'e Petrocci, David Anthony Phelan, Daniel Scott Plato, Amanda Grace Purcell, Mark John Rabozzi, Joseph William Radin, Dana Nicole Radio-Rodriguez, Xiomara Rathbun, Cristin Mary Robinson, Michael T. Rodgers, Liam Patrick Rogers, Conor McNamara Roland, Jordan Jamal Ruckyj, Samantha Katherine Sakran, Kasey Ann Scanlon, Tyler James Schoenborn, Emily K. Sgroi, Isabel Rose Sheridan, Brian George Smith, Britni Ann Smith, Kaelan Rose Sullivan, Benedict Michael Tangredi, Francesco M. Timoshchuk, Irina VanBuren, Jacob M. Vassallo, Jason Michael Wall Alyssa Evelia Webb, Alexis Jordan White, Holden Marshall White, Jennifer Rose Williams, Ryan Ellis Zabycz, Matthew Jacob Zeppetello, Rachel Leigh

Onondaga Hill Middle School

Seventh Graders Bring Book to Life with 8th Annual Outsiders Day

Students in Ms. Zabel's English 7 class transformed their room into "East Side" and "West Side" turf, complete with a sunset and burning church from the book, as they celebrated Outsiders Day as the culminating activity of their study of The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton's acclaimed novel. This was the eighth annual Outsiders Day at OHMS. One hundred students participated in the event.

Students raided their parents' closets for 60's apparel and came dressed as their favorite characters from the book. Some donned leather jackets and slicked back their hair to portray members of the Greasers' gang. Others sported madras shirts, or sweaters and matching knee socks, to portray Socials. They role played important scenes from the novel, listened to Elvis Presley and The Beatles (favorite singers of the Greasers and Socials), played Trivia with questions based on the novel, and enjoyed foods of the books' characters, such as banana splits and chocolate cake.

Thank you to all the parents who contributed chocolate cakes, chocolate milk, banana splits, barbecue rib sandwiches, and supplies for the event. Also, thank you to the parents who volunteered to chaperone: Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Root, Mrs. Grabda, Mrs. Sadowski, and Mr. Farrell. You helped make our book come to life and our 8th annual Outsiders Day a big success.



Eric Kelly (in madras shirt as Bob, a Social) and Tommy Kinsella (as Ponyboy Curtis, a Greaser) role play the encounter in the park as Billy Billy (as Johnny Cade) looks on.



Greasers with attitude! Students from period 10 pose in front of the sunset. Back row, left to right: Barak BenYehuda, John Payne, Caroline Coates, Ashley Rocker, Annaleigh Gedney. Middle: Vincenzo Carr, Kyle Patchett, Mary Kate Lee, Maggie Liberati, Nikki DeLaura-Ariola, Elizabeth Slade, Beth Killory. Front row: Dylan Anthony, Caitlin Hess, Matt Torak, and Brett Puglisi.



This group of Greasers from period 5/6 poses in front of the stars Ponyboy liked to watch. Back row: Kaitlin Cash, Alexandria Korzeniowski, Chance Lukowski, Mike Paraszczak, Jared Ristoff, Brian Denzak, and Kayla Wild. Front row: Jordan Files and Fletcher Chapin.

Onondaga Hill Middle School & Cherry Road School

Fifth Grade Art

The 5th grade artists in Mrs. Feyerabend's class have been very busy creating dynamic painted and textured collages, with the help of Pablo Picasso and Kurt Schwitters (collage artists from the early 20th century). Buzz words we've become familiar with are primary and secondary colors, color mixing, textures, embellishments and collage. These amazing artworks are hanging in the halls of OHMS. Moms and dads, you may want to pick up a frame for this one!



Michelle Sakran's beautiful "Fall Still-Life" collage



Sixth Grade Art

Mrs. Feyerabend's 6th grade art students have been making junk -- sculptures!!! From coffee cans to water bottles and empty thread spools, these clever artists have created flying squirrels,flipping robots, Christmas trees, beautiful jellyfish, and an assortment of other creatures. The students had to develop imaginative solutions to attach appendages and have at least 2 movable parts. They had to tap into not only their artistic skills, but also their engineering skills for this one! Before you throw your junk out, think about building a sculpture!

Annelise Eicholzer's adorable pig is constructed with a pudding cup, a juice bottle, coffee creamer lids, buttons, and wire.

Young Voters

Young voters in Mrs. Persons' 3rd grade class know what Americans want! Students paid close attention to information in the news about the two presidential candidates. On Election Day, each student had the opportunity to vote for the candidate he/she felt would be best to lead our country. Each student cast their vote on a mini voting machine in the classroom "voting booth." Once the votes were tallied, it was announced that Senator Barack Obama won the classroom election with an overwhelming majority of votes. Isn't it interesting that 3rd grade voters think like the adult voters!



Pictured is 3rd grader Ryan Albert casting his vote.

Cherry Road School

Sparks Fly as 1756 Comes Alive!

Historian and Musician Presents Workshops at Cherry Road School

Artist-in-residence, Christopher Shaw, joined Cherry Road School students for a series of workshops highlighting Adirondack folklore and history on November 20th and 21st. The visit by the nationally recognized folk-singer and historical reenactor included two days of storytelling, singing, and historical presentations in the Westhill Central School District.

"Students learned about American stories and songs, Native American traditions, and the history of the French and Indian War," explained Cherry Road music teacher, Mr. Gregory McCrea. "This is our fourth visit by Mr. Shaw. We've really developed a unique experience for kids like no other in the county."



Artist-in-residence, Christopher Shaw, with Mr. Engle's and Miss Sullivan's fourth grade students.



Miss Sullivan's fourth grade students watch as Christopher Shaw lights a fire with flint and steel.

Shaw is considered one of New York's foremost Adirondack storytellers and historians. A member of the esteemed *Adirondack Liars Club*, he carries forward the oral tradition, passing on stories and songs that have been part of our cultural landscape since America's colonial times.

Mr. Shaw spent a day in colonial costume demonstrating the tools and techniques of the 1700's. He explained the French and Indian War using deerskin maps, flint and steel to start a fire, tomahawks, and a period musket from 1763.

Mr. Shaw's visit was made possible through a generous donation by the WEST organization (Westhill Elementary Schools Together) and a grant by the NYS French and Indian War 250th Anniversary Commemoration Commission.

To learn more about Christopher Shaw, visit this website: www.chrisandbridget.com.

Cherry Road School & Walberta Park School



Starry Night

Somersaulting clouds and spiraling stars mesmerize our eyes as we gaze into the sky of Vincent Van Gogh's painting, The Starry Night. The natural world of trees, sky, and mountains seem to overawe the manmade things of the human world in this work of art. The energy and passion of Van Gogh's brushwork shows great emotion and drama. Third grade art students worked in oil pastels to recreate the rhythmic, repeating lines that give this work a strong sense of motion. Excellent job, third graders!

Alyssa Holstein, Grade 3

Royal Portraits

Fourth grade art students examined and discussed the painting, Edward VI As A Child, by Hans Holbein. Hans Holbein the Younger (1497-1543) became court painter to King Henry VIII of England. "Holbein was known chiefly as a painter of portraits. His services were much in demand. The more than 100 miniature and full-size portraits he completed at Henry's court provide a remarkable document of that colorful period. An old account of his services at court relates that he painted the portrait of the king, life size, so well that everyone who looks is astonished, since it seems to live as if it moved its head and limbs. In spite of their richness of detail, Holbein's portraits provide remarkably little insight into the personality and character of the people he painted." Students recreated a royal portrait of their own with black ink and tempera paints. They referred to royal face cards in a deck of playing cards for inspiration. A simple line drawing in black ink was sketched on the page, then vibrant tempera paint was used to embellish the work with lively color. Unsmiling, austere faces greet us in these royal works of art.



Elizabeth Mengucci, Grade 4

"FIRE! Get Out of the House!"



Mrs. Persons' class with Firefighter Gus.

Those words rang loud and clear for the children of Cherry Road and Walberta Park Schools. October was Fire Safety Month and once again Firefighter Gus from the Solvay Volunteer Fire Department visited. Firefighter Gus taught the children important information about what to do if there is ever a fire in your home. The children were able to see what it would look like during a fire, learned what to do, and how to get out of the house. They were also reminded how important it is to have smoke detectors in their homes and to check the batteries frequently! Thanks to the Solvay Fire Department and Firefighter Gus, the students of Cherry Road and Walberta Park know what to do to be safe if there is ever a fire!

Walberta Park School

Musician John Farrell Enlightens Walberta Park



Musician and author, John Farrell, recently performed for students at Walberta Park School. The award-winning performing artist and writer works with students, teachers, and families in schools and at community events throughout the United States and around the world. He has performed in the United States, Canada, Ireland, and Japan. At WPS, John combined his skills as a singer, songwriter, storyteller, and author with experience as a teacher to create an educational and irresistibly entertaining program. Farrell is pictured here with Miss Seeley's second grade students. You can learn more about John Farrell's projects and purchase CDs by visiting his website, www.johnfarrell.net.

Second Grade Bat Vote

As part of a bat unit project, 2nd grade students at Walberta Park School sponsored medical supplies for an injured bat. Bootsana, the chosen bat, resides at the Bat World Sanctuary in Texas. WEST, the school's parent organization, supported the project.



Kindergarten Login

Kindergarten students logged onto school computers for the first time in October. They will be learning basic computer skills this year during library class.

Walberta Park School





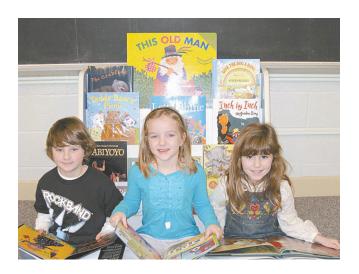
Thanksgiving Feast

The kindergarten classes gathered together in the cafeteria to give thanks and celebrate Thanksgiving. They wore the Native American and pilgrim hats that they made, and enjoyed feasting on corn muffins, popcorn, and apple juice.

To prepare for the feast, the kindergarten classes changed classrooms and made corn muffins with Ms. Klee, popped popcorn with Mrs. Frank, and decorated a special turkey with Mrs. Byrne.

What a nice way for the kindergarteners to end their theme on families by celebrating with their school family!





Thank You Brigadiers!

The Syracuse Alumni Brigadiers donated \$500 to the Walberta Park School music classroom. Song books were purchased to support the kindergarten, first, and second grade music curriculum. Enjoying the books are Dominic Demperio, Kaia Morgan, and Taylor Hartman. Thank you, Syracuse Alumni Brigadiers!

Walberta Park School

News from WPS Art Room

Kindergarten art students are beginning a unit on color. Color mixing will be explored. Students will learn about the primary colors red (magenta), yellow and blue (cyan). Mixing two of these colors together makes it possible to mix all the other colors of the spectrum. Like magic, students will create purple, orange and green!



Caroline Miller, Grade 2

First grade art students applied the concept of symmetry in a work of art! Working on the unusual material of clear acetate, students created a symmetrical design using geometric shapes. The end result looks like stained glass!

Second grade art students explore the imaginative jungle scenes found in the



Madelyn Wheelden, Grade 1

work of French artist Henri Rousseau. The concept of overlapping was mastered in their drawings and the importance of craftsmanship was highly encouraged!

A Special Flag

Walberta Park School received a special honor this year coinciding with Veteran's Day. First grade student, Benjamin Leonardo's dad (Colonel Michael Leonardo) is serving in Afghanistan. He sent the school a flag flown over the American compound, Camp Phoenix, in Afghanistan on September 11th of this year. A letter and special certificate accompanied the flag from the Colonel and his Task Force. Pictured here is Benjamin presenting the flag to Mrs. Maureen Mulderig, the school's principal.



Walberta Park School & District News



Kids Vote 2008

Walberta Park School held elections this fall during "Kids Vote 2008." On November 4th, students went to the polls just like their parents. The outcome of the election mimicked the country's general election, with Barack Obama receiving the majority of the popular vote.

Child Health Plus/Family Health Plus

Information, applications, and assistance are available for students and their families to enroll in the NYS health insurance programs, Child Health Plus or Family Health Plus. The caps on Child Health Plus have recently been raised. You can earn to \$7,000 per month for a family of four and still qualify. If you would like more information, please contact:

Tammy Sterling, RN	WHS	426-3015
Mary Gajewski, RN	OHMS	426-3406
Cheryl Hunt, RN	CRS	426-3306
Sue Adydan, RN	WPS	426-3203



WESTHILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Annual Fire Inspections

In accordance with the New York State Education Law 807a, the Westhill Central School District hereby makes known that it has performed and successfully completed Annual Fire Inspections in all of its facilities. All facilities have met or exceeded inspection requirements and, as of date of this notice, there are no known non-conformances with respect to existing code requirements. Public School Fire Safety Reports are on file in the Westhill CSD Buildings & Grounds Office.

Fire Safety Reports may be viewed in the Buildings & Grounds Office during office hours from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, please contact the following individual: Larry Allen, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, 315-426-3304.

Parent Portal: A New On-Line Communication Tool to Improve Student Success



The Westhill Central School District recently launched a new service, "Parent Portal," an easy-to-use web-based communication tool that enables students, parents, teachers, and administrators to work together to improve student success. Parent Portal allows parents and students to view, from home, student grades, attendance, schedules, and teacher comments to stay up-to-date with students' academic progress.

The use of Parent Portal enhances communication between school and home and between parents and students. By using the Portal, students can take more responsibility for their own learning while parents are provided timely information to help track their children's progress. Parent Portal is available 24-hours a day making it extremely convenient for parents and students.

Parent Portal can be accessed by any computer connected to the Internet. Access to student data is protected by unique usernames and passwords. Parents must acquire their child's username and password by visiting their child's school.

Parent Portal is an exciting new service provided by the Westhill Central School District. The District looks forward to the increased communication this new tool will allow.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL:

1) Visit the Westhill website by going to www.westhillschools.org then click on the ParentPortal icon that looks like this:



2) Enter the Username and Password that you received from your child's school.



PowerSchool

3) Use the icons at the top of the screen (like the ones below) to view grades and attendance, and to set your email notification preferences.

Grades and	Attendance	Grades	Email
Attendance	History	History	Notification



Attention Incoming Kindergarten Parents 2009-2010 School Year

STEPI

Fill out and return the attached form to:

Walberta Park Primary School Kindergarten 2009-2010 400 Walberta Road Syracuse, New York 13219-2297

STEP 2

Once we have received this completed form, we will send a registration packet in the mail for you to complete. Please fill out the packet completely and return it to us at the registration date listed below. This year our registration will be held as follows:

Thursday, March 2, 2009 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM OR 5:00-6:00 PM

You will need to bring the following with you to kindergarten registration along with the completed registration packet. Your child will not be registered at school unless we have on file the following:

- Your child's original birth certificate
- Picture ID of parent
- Proof of district residency (deed, lease, rental agreement, or purchase contract)
- Physical & immunization records

STEP 3

A bus visit for the children and a parent orientation will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009, where you can find out important information about our school. More information on this will follow.

Registration for the 2009-2010 Kindergarten class at Walberta Park School is approaching. If youhave a child that will be five on or before December 1st 2009, please follow these four simple steps:



STEP 4

At the registration you will have the opportunity to sign your child up for our kindergarten screening which will take place June 26 and June 29, 2009. Every incoming kindergartner must be screened to enter school. Screening helps us make class placements and plan for instruction to best meet children's needs.

Our kindergarten program runs 1/2 days as follows:

AM K: 8:40-11:20 AM PM K: 12:35-3:05 PM

Important Note: Please do not plan on your child being placed in morning or afternoon kindergarten based on your location, as we do not determine AM/PM status until after kindergarten registration sessions are over. At that point we take a look at our enrollment numbers and locations to determine who will be AM or PM.

•	plete this form and return it to Walberta Park Schoo uary 2, 2009. (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)
Child's Name	Gender: Boy Girl
	Home Phone
Parents/Guardians Name(s):	
	Zip Code
Address	Zip Code



SchoolMessenger: A New Mass Communication Service

During the month of November, the Westhill Central School District introduced SchoolMessenger, a mass communication service, that enables school administration to record, schedule, send, and track personalized voice messages to students, parents, and staff in minutes. SchoolMessenger will be used to send general outreach messages, emergency broadcasts, and to inform parents of upcoming events.

After using the SchoolMessenger system for the first time at the Onondaga Hill Middle School, Principal Doug Huston stated, "The system provides great reporting." on the accuracy of our contact information. Westhill High School Vice Principal Mark Bednarski said he found SchoolMessenger to be very "easy to use" during his first time using the system. Messages can be sent to home phones, work phones, and cell phones.

SchoolMessenger will complement current modes of communication. Acquisition of SchoolMessenger is intended to reinforce the district's commitment to enhance communication between the school and home.

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