

HILLTOPPER HIGHLIGHTS

2001-2002 Achievement and Excellence

Academic Honors and Awards

Westmont Hilltop High School announces the following academic honors and awards for the 2001-2002 school year:



Row 1 (L-R) Sarah Crichton, Kathleen Krauland, Amanda Caddy, Katrin Wolfe, Megan Janssen
Row 2 (L-R) Christina Walsh, Robert Hagerich III, Christopher LaRocca, Peter Schroeder, Katherine Sheehan

Westmont Hilltop Education Association Top Ten Awards

Amanda Megan Caddy
Sarah Trudeau Crichton
Robert Lee Hagerich III
Megan Jayne Janssen
Kathleen Rosemary Krauland
Christopher James LaRocca
Peter Colin Schroeder
Katherine Elizabeth Sheehan
Christina Kathleen Walsh
Katrin Ann Wolfe

Students who rank academically in the Top 10 of their graduating class are acknowledged with an individual plaque courtesy of the school district's teachers through the Westmont Hilltop Education Association. Their names will also be inscribed on a plaque on permanent display in the lobby. Each student will receive a Board of Education Treasurer's Award, a \$100 savings bond. This award was initiated by

Mrs. Karen Azer and supported through the years by Board treasurers, including Dr. Robert Zellers, present treasurer.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
SemiFinalists and Finalists

Jennifer Lynn Salluzzo
Peter Colin Schroeder

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Letter of Commendation

Luke Michael Gyure
Rebecca Lynn Hirko

Westmont Hilltop Student Memorial
Scholarship Awards

Marc David Rizzo
Peter Colin Schroeder

Westmont Peace Award
Joshua Steven Holbay

Charter Communications
Natalie Jean Rosenbaum

Johnstown Rotary Club Scholarship
Luke Michael Gyure

Westmont Hilltop Educational Association
Scholarship Award

Kimberly Jean Reynolds

Cambria County Area Community College
Evan Ryan Marsh

Westmont Hilltop Class of 1981
Christopher James LaRocca

Greater Johnstown Regional Central Labor
Council Of PA Scholarship
Meghan Beth Barzeski

Big John Riley Scholarship Award
Jonathan Joseph Rugh

Home/School Association Awards
Luke Michael Gyure
Katherine Elizabeth Sheehan

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The 2001-2002 Hilltopper Highlights Achievement and Excellence, now entering its third summer of publication, is a special summer edition of the Hilltop School News. The summer edition is dedicated to recognition of the outstanding individual accomplishments of our students within their school and community. This edition features the accomplishments of Westmont Hilltop School District students in academic excellence, community service, competitions, sports, and the arts.

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Key Club Award

Lauren Zima

Westmont Hilltop Class of 1972

Stephen Gallic

Christina Walsh

Catherine Hubbard Memorial Award

Noelle Giannone

West End Lions Club Scholastic Awards

Christopher LaRocca

Christina Walsh

Wendy's High School Heisman Award

State Finalist

Katrin Wolfe

School Citizenship Awards

Grade 12

Luke Gyure

Bret Hartland

Christopher Malec

Natalie Rosenbaum

Rebecca Wilson

Grade 11

Nathan Catanese

Samantha Cohen

Zachary Hull

Daniel Novic

Mary Sheehan

Grade 10

Charles Gilbert

Lindsay King

Amanda Lindberg

Jill Nadorlik

Martin Vrabel

Grade 9

Lauren Borsa

Christopher Hartland

Ann Kmetz

Megan Machella

Elyse Mendelson

National School Choral Award

Luke Gyure

John Philip Sousa Award

Rebecca Wilson

Ken Null Memorial Percussion Award

Eric Pfeil

Spirit of Band Award

Joshua Holbay

Tawnya Russell

Todd Winder

Director's Award for Band

Christopher Fisher

Bryan Rose

Outstanding Band Member

Shaun Flynn

State and National Qualifications in Forensics

Nathan Catanese, Philip Wolfe, Nathan Fetsko, Abel Horner, Brianne France, Katelyn Polantz, Stephanie Volkar, Isaac Kuhn, and Amanda Lindberg qualified for state level competition at Susquehanna University. Isaac won sixth place in the state in the category of poetry.

Qualifying for the national competition in Pittsburgh on May 24, 25, and 26 were Nathan Catanese, Philip Wolfe, Nathan Fetsko, Brianne France, Abel Horner, Katelyn Polantz, and Stephanie Volkar.

Where is the Class of 2002?

The Class of 2002 will attend the following colleges and universities:

Alfred University

Bethany College

California University of Pennsylvania

Cambria County Community College

Cambria Rowe Business College

Carnegie Mellon University

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Duquesne University

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Embry-Riddle University

Gardner-Webb College

Grove City College

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Johnson & Wales University

Juniata College

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Mount Aloysius College

New Tribes Bible Institute

North Carolina State University

Northampton Community College

Ohio State University

Paul Smith's College

Penn College of Technology

Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics

Pittsburgh Technical Institute

Potomac State College

Shenandoah Conservatory

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Saint Mary's College

Saint Vincent College

Susquehanna University

Temple University

The Citadel

The Pennsylvania State University

United States Military

Academy - West Point

University of Maryland

University of Michigan

University of Notre Dame

University of Pittsburgh

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

University of Pittsburgh at

Johnstown

University of Vermont

University of Virginia

Vassar College

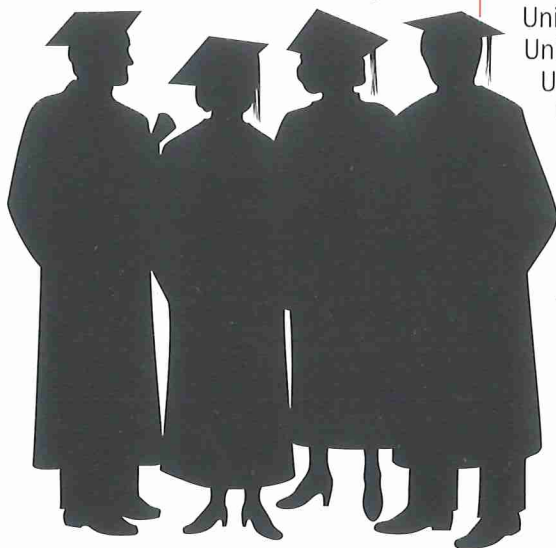
Villanova University

Wellesley College

West Virginia University

West Virginia Wesleyan College

Widener University



Academic Honors & Awards

President's Awards for Educational Excellence

The President's Award recognizes students for substantial academic success. At both the middle school and high school levels, students must maintain a

high level of academic accomplishment over the duration of their schooling in order to be eligible for this award.

Recipients of this award at the middle school for 2001-2002 are:

Ashley Acosta	Lauren Kesslak	Caitlin Motley	Christopher Shadid
Dominique Agypt	John Khuri	Laura Muchesko	John Skelley
Kali Antolik	Kara Kohler	Renee Parseghian	Breanne Slocum
Kara Bumbernick	Michael Kramer	Emily Pearce	Lucas Staib
Alisha Crowley	Lindsay Kunkle	Kyle Plummer	Amanda Stampilis
Devon Dill	Emily Lasky	Elizabeth Povich	Amber Swearingen
Katherine Drummey	Kieran Layton	Ashley Rudnik	Lauren Thomas
Kerry Glassman	William Lusk	Sarah Sahlaney	Michael Thompson
Daniel Gore	David Mancinelli	Alyson Salem	Rachel VanRiper
Bradley Kanuch	Nicholas McKolosky	Yuri Sapolich	Allison Virus
Jamie Keafer	Kourtne McQuillen	Abigail Schmidt	Andrew Walizer
Brandy Kenner	Kevin Merchant	Natalie Sedlak	Suzanne Wild
			Allison Ziance

President's Award recipients at the high school in 2001-2002 are:

Andrew Armstrong	Amanda Freiwald	Megan Janssen	Natalie Rosenbaum
John C. Bee	Noelle Giannone	Kathleen R. Krauland	Lauren Rosko
Sarah Bingler	Meghan Gleason	Christopher LaRocca	Katherine Sheehan
Natalie Bombatch	Luke Gyure	Christopher L. Malec	Peter Schroeder
Amanda Caddy	Robert Hagerich III	James Meinecke III	Michael Smith
Sarah Crichton	Bret Hartland	Kathryn Price	Alexis Ulerich
Sean Dorian	Rebecca Hirko	Ronald Roberts	Brett Varner
Shaun Flynn	Nathaniel Hough	Leigh Rogerson	Christina Walsh

Academic 'Letter' Awards, Class of 2002

Seniors who have demonstrated a high level of academic excellence, as indicated by a 3.0 average or better, are awarded the academic letter.

Andrew Armstrong	Katy Krauland
Amy Ashcom	Christopher LaRocca
Matthew Becker	Andrew Leech
John Bee	Avinash Maharajh
Sarah Bingler	Christopher Malec
Natalie Bombatch	David Maslak
Kara Britcher	James Meinecke
Amanda Caddy	Sarah Patti
Eric Cassat	Rachel Petersen
Sarah Crichton	Kathryn Price
Lindsay Dachille	Kimberly Reynolds
Sean Dorian	Marc Rizzo
Amy Drusak	Ronald Roberts
David Fetzer	Leigh Rogerson
Christopher Fisher	Natalie Rosenbaum
Shaun Flynn	Lauren Rosko
Amanda Freiwald	Jonathan Rugh
Stephen Gallic	Benjamin Sakmar
Stephen Ganser	Sara Salem
Chelsi Genday	Jason Schoming
Noelle Giannone	Peter Schroeder
Meghan Gleason	Katherine Sheehan
Ashley Goodwin	Michael Smith
Cara Greco	Matthew Snyder
Lori Gresh	Matthew Sroka
Samantha Grossman	Andrew Stephenson
Luke Gyure	Kortney Thomas
Robert Hagerich III	Tara Torchia
Bret Hartland	Alexis Ulerich
Jennifer Heider	Saskia Valencia
Rebecca Hirko	Brett Varner
Joshua Holbay	Christine Walsh
Nathan Hough	Donald Watkins
Megan Janssen	Rebecca Wilson
James Kanuch	Katrin Wolfe
Stephanie Kiehart	Amy Youngberg
	Lauren Zima

Principal's Excellence Award

The "Principal's Excellence Award" was established to recognize eighth grade students who have exemplified the highest standard of excellence and who have earned straight "A" averages throughout their fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade years at Westmont Hilltop

Middle School. Congratulations to eighth graders **Ashley Acosta, Kara Bumbernick, Katherine Drummey, Lindsay Kunkle, William Lusk, Yuri Sapolich, Abigail Schmidt, and Allison Virus** for this outstanding accomplishment.

Academic Honors & Awards

Academic “Best” Awards

The Academic “Best” Awards were presented at the June 3 Awards Assembly at the middle school. These awards are presented to 8th grade students who are chosen to represent the academic “best” in particular subject areas. Selection is always difficult, since so many students represent their own high standards of academic best. A \$100 Savings Bond was awarded to the “Best” in several curricular categories.

Recipients of the awards for 2001-2002 are: English – **Katherine Drummey**; Math – **Yuri Sapolich**; Science – **Christopher Shadid**; Civics – **Kyle Plummer**; Art – **Jordan Long**; Foreign Language – **Kourtnie McQuillen**; Music – **Sarah Sahlaney** and **Elizabeth Povich**; Physical Education – **Lauren Thomas**.



Row 1 (L-R) Lauren Thomas, Elizabeth Povich, Katherine Drummey, Jordan Long
Row 2 (L-R) Kyle Plummer, Christopher Shadid, Yuri Sapolich, Sarah Sahlaney
Absent: Kourtnie McQuillen

Academic Accomplishments

Academic Scholarships

Many of our seniors also received academic scholarships from the colleges and universities that they will be attending in the fall. We recognize these accomplishments as follows:

Matthew Becker – West Virginia Wesleyan College

Amanda Caddy – St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana (Presidential Scholarship)

Chelsi Genday – University of Pittsburgh (Four-year ROTC scholarship)

Ashley Goodwin – University of Pittsburgh

Lori Gresh – West Virginia University

Heather Jamieson – New Tribes Bible Institute in Michigan (Stanley Smith Scholarship)

Megan Janssen – Susquehanna University (Merit Scholarship for math and science)

Chris LaRocca – University of Pittsburgh (University Scholarship)

Andrew Leech – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Presidential Scholarship)

David Maslak – Pennsylvania College of Technology (Discover Card Scholarship)

James Meinecke – Penn State University

Thomas Polenik – Bethany College

Kathryn Price – Ohio State University (Buckeye Award)

Leigh Rogerson – Temple University
Lauren Rosko – Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Natalie Rosenbaum – University of Pittsburgh (President's Scholarship)

John Rugh – Alfred University (Presidential Scholarship)

Marc Rizzo – Duquesne University (President's Award Scholarship)

Ali Ulerich – Widener University (Presidential Scholarship)

Brett Varner – Susquehanna University (Dean's Scholarship)

Christina Walsh – Juniata College and European Union Scholarship for study abroad

Donald Watkins – University of Vermont (Presidential Scholarship)

Academic Accomplishments

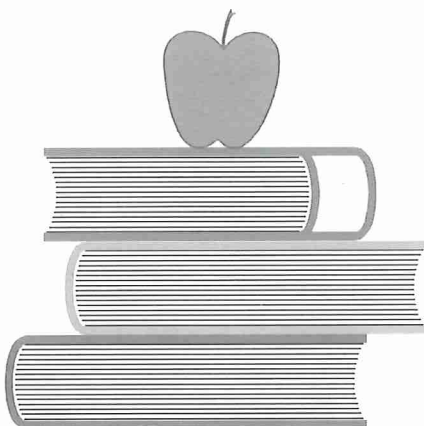
Perfect SAT for Prabhu



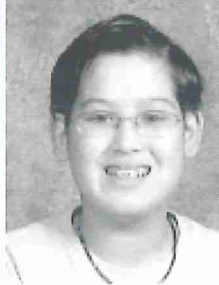
Prabhu Narahari

While this accomplishment was reported previously to the community, it certainly belongs in the *Hilltopper Highlights* which recognizes significant accomplishments of our students during the 2001-2002 school year.

Prabhu Narahari, Westmont Hilltop High School junior, scored the maximum of 1,600 on the SAT I test, putting him in the top 1 percent of students nationwide. Congratulations, Prabhu.



National Winner in National Current Events League



Christopher Lee

Christopher Lee, grade 7, was named one of five national winners, receiving a perfect score in the National Current Events League for the

2001-2002 school year. Christopher Kessler, grade 5, was also awarded a medal in the competition.

The final current events meet of the season took place in mid-April. Out of a possible 300 points, the seventh/eighth grade team earned a score of 253 with Christopher Lee receiving the highest cumulative score for the year. The fifth/sixth



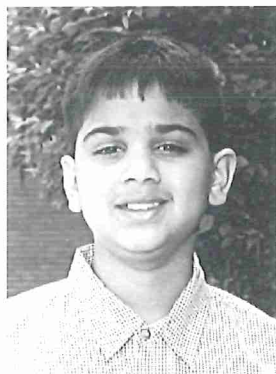
Christopher Kessler

grade team scored a 257, and Christopher Kessler was that team's high scorer for the year. Both teams placed higher overall than in previ-

ous years' competitions. The seventh/eighth grade team's final standing for the year was third out of 101 teams from across the nation and the fifth/sixth grade team placed tenth out of 108 teams. Thank you to all the students who put in time preparing from the beginning of the year through April for a job well done!

Johns Hopkins Talent Search

Grade Six Student Receives Special Recognition of Achievement



Utsav Bhat

Utsav Bhat, Grade 6, ranked second in the state in mathematics during this year's Johns Hopkins Talent Search

competition. This marks the second year in a row that Utsav has finished as one of the top two mathematics

students in this competition. Utsav's outstanding score on the math test once again placed him in the 99th percentile of all students statewide who took the test.

Students who demonstrated outstanding abilities with school performance on achievement or aptitude were recognized at the St. Vincent College "Celebration of Talent" ceremony.

Students honored through invitation to attend the Celebration of Talent ceremony were as follows:

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Lauren Simmons	Utsav Bhat	Nicole Bennett	Katherine Drummey
Daniel Thompson	Corbett Drummey	Christopher Lee	Yuri Sapolich
Joshua Miller			

Academic Accomplishments

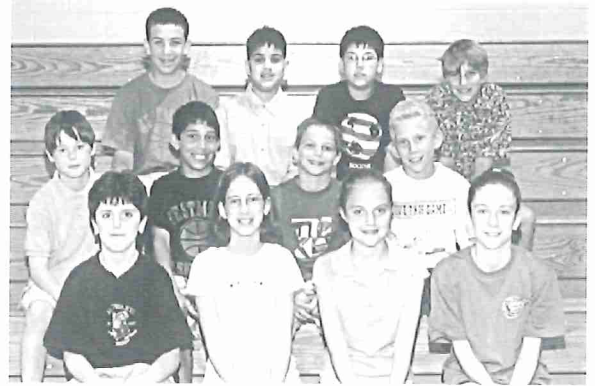
Carnegie Mellon Institute for Talented Students (C-Mites)

The C-Mites program is provided for academically talented third through sixth graders from the state of Pennsylvania. Students across PA took the EXPLORE test to qualify for membership in C-Mites.

Recipients of this award for 2001-2002 at the middle school are: **Utsav Bhat, Brenden Boyle, Jeffrey Davies, Corbett Drummey, Andrew Forman, Stephanie Frank,**

Douglas Glosser, Amanda Good, Thaddeus Keklak, Eric Lee, Brynne Machella, Lauren Simmons, and Daniel Thompson.

Row 1 (L-R) Jeffrey Davies, Stephanie Frank, Lauren Simmons, Brynne Machella; Row 2 Corbett Drummey, Andrew Forman, Thaddeus Keklak, Brenden Boyle; Row 3 Douglas Glosser, Utsav Bhat, Eric Lee, and Daniel Thompson
Absent: Amanda Good

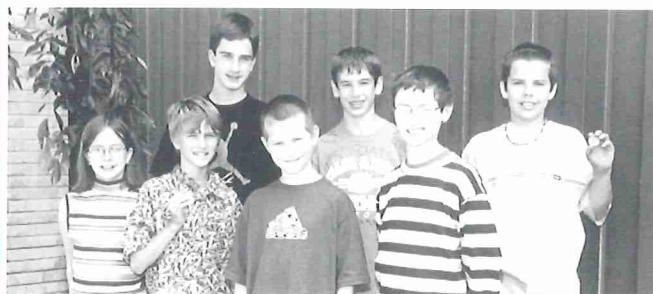


Olympiads: Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies

All Westmont Hilltop Middle School students in Grades 5 and 6 compete in the National Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies Olympiads. The National Language Arts Olympiad focuses on reading comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, grammar and analogies. The National Science Olympiad questions are based on factual knowledge and tested students' understanding

of scientific processes. The National Social Studies Olympiad questions

focus on geographical, cultural, and demographic data and terms.



Pictured at left are medalists only.
Row 1 (L-R) Shauna Hetrick, Daniel Thompson, Kevin Kesslak, Calvin Yahn;
Row 2 Benjamin Majcher, Thomas Polacek, Joshua Miller

**Medal winners and recipients of Certificates of Distinction are listed by grade level:*

Language Arts

Science

Social Studies

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 6
Shauna Hetrick*	Thomas Polacek*	Daniel Thompson*	Joshua Miller*	Calvin Yahn*	Kevin Kesslak*
		Calvin Yahn*			Benjamin Majcher*
Alexa Eplett	Utsav Bhat	Robison Cernetich	Katherine Abele	Neil Abrams	Katherine Abele
Abigail Hoover	Kelly Cernetich	Benjamin Clark	Vincent Cassone	Zachary Bennett	Utsav Bhat
Julianne Legath	Natalie Kupchella	Jonathan Heider	Kelly Cernetich	Benjamin Clark	Lindsey Crowe
Lindsey Pavlikowski	Benjamin Majcher	Shauna Hetrick	Hannah Clemenson	Shauna Hetrick	Crispin Havener
Lauren Simmons	Sean McGhee	Vincent Hutzell	Corbett Drummey	Christopher Kessler	Michael Keiser
Daniel Thompson	Nicole Paratore	Kaley Miller	Kelson Egley	Cassandra Miller	Tiffany Schilling
	David Shelhammer	Andrew Molchany	Duncan Miller	Joseph Nagy	Jacob Seigh
		Brittany Moore	Thomas Polacek	Lauren Simmons	David Shelhammer
		Abigail Motley	David Shelhammer	Michael Stamp	Joshua Vigna
		Ryan Rovida	Michael Trentini	Daniel Thompson	
		Michael Stamp		Christopher Wharton	

* MEDAL WINNERS

Academic Accomplishments

Perfect Scores in WordMasters Competition

WordMasters is a national contest encouraging growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. It takes place three times during the year with two divisions at each grade level. This national contest is designed to encourage growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning. The WordMasters Challenge concentrates on higher-level word comprehension and logical abilities. For the contest, children are required to complete analogies based on relationships among words they have learned.

Congratulations to **Nikhita Dharbhamulla** in grade 7 and **Shauna Hetrick** in grade 5 who earned perfect scores on the third, and final, challenge meet, which was held in April. Approximately 40,000 students take the test at each grade level, but only about one per thousand students earns a perfect score. This was quite an accomplishment!

Students learn seventy-five words in preparation for these analogy tests. On the second test, **Benjamin Clark**, a fifth grade

student, and **Laura Muchesko** and **Kyle Plummer**, eighth grade students, each scored 19/20. These scores are remarkable when you consider that only 150 students in grade five scored that high out of the 44,980 fifth graders who took the test. In grade eight, only 160 of 28,320 scored that high.

Since our school has participated in WordMasters, beginning in the 1998/1999 school year, the students' scores at every grade level have increased dramatically. The English teachers at the middle school who have worked so diligently with their classes deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Read Across America

For the second consecutive year, the elementary school's students participated in the Read Across America campaign. The school's theme this year was "Proud To Be An American Reader." Each classroom teacher established a reading goal and recorded the children's progress during the month of March. Weekly themes encouraged the students to meet their goals. As students achieved their goals, they were recognized by having their names read during the morning announcements, having their reading pledge posters displayed in the school, and having the opportunity to select from a wide variety of

incentive rewards purchased with PTO funds. This reading campaign was held in conjunction with the opportunity to raise money for the Todd Beamer Foundation, established to aid families of the Flight 93 victims. The reading campaign ended with our Parade of American Heroes. The students and teachers dressed as their favorite American heroes while many parents and guests enjoyed a very special parade! Five hundred and nineteen students completed their reading goals for our "Proud To Be An American Reader" campaign. Students and faculty raised \$2143.00 for the Todd Beamer Foundation.

Poetic Achievement

More than forty students entered poetry in the spring *Celebration of Young Poets* competition. All students who entered poetry are to be congratulated for their wonderful efforts and beautiful words. Congratulations to the following students whose poems were selected for publication in *A Celebration of Young Poets*.

Grade 8 **Ashley Acosta**,
Ashley Rudnik, and
Rachel Van Riper

Grade 7 **Tara Bartgis** and

Grade 6 **Morgan Zajac**
Utsav Bhat,
Kelly Cernetich,
Haley Garman,
Ashley Heslop,
Jessica Lindberg,
Amanda Williams, and
Lydia Wolfe

Grade 5 **Ashley Ayre**,
Kaitlyn Garbarino,
Shauna Hetrick,
Sara Kirby, **Lauren Kyger**,
Richard McBee,
Thomas Rohrabough,

Amber Saade,
Lauren Simmons, and
Matthew Ziance

For the first time, our school will be recognized in this anthology as receiving a "Poetic Achievement Award." This honor is given to the top 10% of the schools who enter the contest. The schools are chosen based on the number and quality of entries accepted. This award qualifies our school to apply for a Creative Communications Language Arts Grant.

Academic Accomplishments

Read-A-Thon 2002 For Multiple Sclerosis



Aaron Stonecypher

For the first time, elementary school students were given the opportunity to participate in the National Multiple

Sclerosis Society's Read-A-Thon project, which is designed to promote reading and raise funds to find a cure for M.S. While only fourteen students participated, they raised over \$1,500, earning our school third place honors for fund raising! The students were recognized with certificates of participation, a variety of coupons from area businesses,

and several plaques and trophies. Aaron Stonecypher was also recognized during an Altoona Curve baseball game for becoming a member of the "Five Hundred Club" for earning over \$500.00. Congratulations to these special readers!

Victoria Albert
Luke Corona
Ryan Fleming
Alyson Forman
Tommy Hull
David Hunt
Aaron Stonecypher
Sarah Marley
Benjamin Mical
Samantha Mikesic
Amy Regan

Kylie Truscello
Aubrey Varner
Bobby Varner

Some of our Read-A-Thon students are pictured below.



St. Jude Math-A-Thon Results

The following students raised \$2266.11 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in this year's National Math-A-Thon:

Albert, Victoria
Atterbury, Christina
Atterbury, Libby
Atterbury, Maggie
Berkebile, Chad
Berkebile, Jodi
Berry, Zachary
Burnheimer, Jeremy
Carney, Brad
Carney, Brittany
Clark, Jill
Clark, Sarah
Coyle, Kirsten
Davis, Taylor
Dharbhamulla, Parag
Dorian, Denae
Findish, Jonathan
Fleming, Ryan
Gerber, Matthew
Gonzalez, Luke

Hess, Meghan
Hetrick, Stephanie
Hughes, Dylan
Kessler, Jamie
Kilpatrick, Andrew
Kozak, Amy
Lugar, Stephen
Marko, Leah
Marko, Shannon
Mastovich, Seneca
Pittman-Deering, Lauren
Pittman-Deering, Taylor
Polacek, Joshua
Shenouda, Miriam
Shovestull, Donald
Simmons, Nicole
Slezak, Matthew
Snively, Ryan
Spisak, Patti
Stamp, Nathan
Strelnik, Brittany
Stump, Carly
Suppes, Erin
Sutt, Angela

Takishita, Cassie
Thomson, Emma
Varner, Aubrey
Varner, Bobby
Whitlow, Penn
Wiesenbach, Seth
Yadagani, Hari
Yadagani, Ravi

Some of our Math-A-Thon participants are pictured below.



Academic Accomplishments

Interscholastic Reading Team Recognition

The Reading Competition teams ended another successful season on March 14th. This is the third year that Westmont Hilltop Middle School has entered the Scholastic Reading Competition at Windber

Area High School. The teams were comprised of over fifty students in grades 6-8. Collectively, our students read a total of forty-two books during the five months preceding the competition. We are proud to

announce that four of our teams placed, returning with one first-place finish, two second-place finishes and one third-place finish from a field of fifty-five other teams. Read on, WHMS!

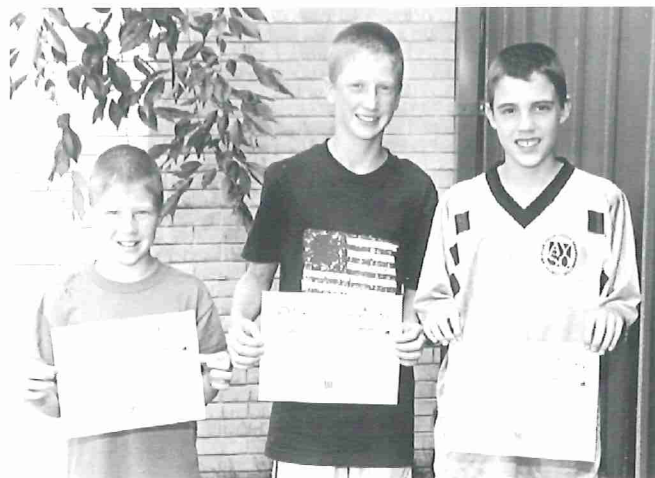
Grade 6 (Blue) <i>2nd Place</i>	Grade 7 (Teal) <i>3rd Place</i>	Grade 8 (Purple) <i>1st Place</i>	Grade 8 (Red) <i>2nd Place</i>
Katherine Abele	Nicole Bennett	Kali Antolik	Ashley Acosta
Utsav Bhat	Courtney Blackner	Kara Dreikorn	Dominique Agypt
Corbett Drummey	Nikhita Dharbhamulla	Brandy Kenner	Alisha Crowley
Martin Erdley	Rebecca Hirsch	Kara Kohler	Katherine Drummey
Grace Holbink	Nicholas Kirkstadt	Emily Lasky	Lindsay Kunkle
Natalie Kupchella	Aram Kolesar	Kieran Layton	Amanda Ponzurick
Sarah Kushnir	Kristina Kushnir	Kyle Plummer	Elizabeth Povich
Sean McGhee	Jenna Kyger	Sarah Sahlaney	Yuri Sapolich
Marc Mills	Kelsey Landis	Abigail Schmidt	Lucas Staib
Thomas Polacek	Katherine Lohr	Natalie Sedlak	Amanda Stamplis
Richard Povich	Lydia McClain	Allison Virus	Lauren Swain
Tiffany Schilling	Jocelyn Meehan		
David Shelhammer	Chelsea Meenan		
Robert Smeal	Kristen Mosbrucker		
	Justin Pittman-Deering		
	Sadia Rharbite		

State Level Math 24 Competition

The Math 24 Competition was held on May 6 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

This year's competition marked the tenth anniversary of Math 24, a mental math "game" utilized to challenge those who wish to enhance their mathematical capabilities. This year's medal winners were **Andrew Pozun** (Grade 5 – a Silver Medalist), **Jacob Seigh** (Grade 6 – a Silver Medalist in the semi-final round and a Gold Medalist in the final round), and **Alexander Pozun** (grade 7 – a Bronze Medalist).

Jacob advanced to the PA State 24 Challenge Championship Finals in Harrisburg on June 12. At that competition, he was awarded a Silver Medal, finishing among the top 16 sixth grade students in the state.



L-R Andrew Pozun, Alexander Pozun, Jacob Seigh

Academic Accomplishments

Science and Language Arts Olympiads at the Elementary School

Students in grades 2, 3, and 4 once again had the opportunity to participate in the Science and Language Arts Olympiads. Both of these contests are based on multiple-choice questions, which are administered to grade level groups. Each contest has a time limit of 35 minutes. There is no limit to the number of students who may participate. Nearly 200 students participated in the Language Arts Olympiad, and 170 took part in the Science Olympiad this year! The

sum of the top ten scores for each competition is the school's team score. Questions for the Language Arts Olympiad are based on spelling, vocabulary, reading comprehension, analogies, and grammar. Science Olympiad questions are based on factual knowledge as well as students' understanding of scientific processes.

The top ten scorers in the Language Arts Olympiad in second grade included Penn Whitlow, Brittany Davis, Jonah Cramer,

Blake Berenstein, Stephen Lugar, Lida Thompson, Ryan Fleming, Kelcy Harrison, Michael Laws, and Niza Scudari. Third grade top scores included Andrew Kilpatrick, Eleanor Wells, Lauren Pittman-Deering, Christina Atterbury, David Pepley, Jenna Magistro, Garrett Lucas, Noah Shorto, Kasey Azar, and Kyle Molchany. Sara Rogerson, Juliana Bukoski, Zachary Ryan, Luke Young, Rachel Wozniak, Julie Mercik, Aaron Stonecypher, Shawnee Yoder, Kirsten Hess, and Norman Sivi were the fourth graders with the top ten scores.

Meritorious Attitude and Effort

Each year Meritorious Attitude and Effort Awards are given to several students in all middle school grades. This award is given to students who demonstrate a positive

attitude and give continuous effort in their educational endeavors, thereby demonstrating outstanding study skills and persistence.



L-R Amanda Koestler, Benjamin Majcher, Brynne Machella, Natalie Kupchella, Breanne Slocum, Patrick Mendelson, Katherine MacDowell, Christopher MacDowell, Stephanie Frank, Lydia McLain, Amanda Stamplis, Lauren Simmons, Chelsea Meenan, Lauren Kyger, Jason Catanese

Recipients of the award for 2001-2002 are:

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Lauren Kyger	Benjamin Majcher	Jason Catanese	Amanda Stamplis
Brynne Machella	Katherine MacDowell	Lydia McClain	Breanne Slocum
Lauren Simmons	Natalie Kupchella	Chelsea Meenan	Amanda Koestler
Stephanie Frank			Christopher MacDowell
Patrick Mendelson			

In the Science Olympiad, second graders Blake Bernstein, Penn Whitlow, Jonathan Findish, Gina Reivel, Maggie Green, Ian Rovida, Parag Dharbhamulla, Meredith Helman, Tanner Miller, and Emma Thomson posted the top ten scores. Posting the top ten scores in third grade were Kyle Molchany, Eleanor Wells, Ian Clark, Noah Shorto, Jenna Magistro, Andrew Kilpatrick, Keegan Terek, Daniel Wolfe, Christina Atterbury, and Nathan Stamp. The fourth graders with the top ten scores in the Science Olympiad included Norman Sivi, Aaron Stonecypher, Rachel Wozniak, Juliana Bukoski, Maggie Atterbury, Julie Mercik, Frank Scarsella, Sara Rogerson, Chris Arena, and Zachary Ryan.

Academic Accomplishments

National Competitions at the Elementary

This year's fourth graders were given the opportunity to participate in two nationally sponsored events – Wordmasters and Current Events. The Wordmasters competition is designed to increase the students' vocabulary by studying a different list of words and their meanings weekly. The Current Events program encourages the students to use a variety of media to learn what is making news around the world.

This year's Wordmasters Challenge participants included: Norman Sivi, Giancarlo Scudari, Zachary Ryan, Julie Mercik, Casey Katzenstein, Andrea Ghezzi, Rebecca Barron, Aubrey Varner, Sara Rogerson, Juliana Bukoski, Aaron Stonecypher, Rosemary Clark, Garret Krupa, Luke Young, Michael Rudnac, Kelsey Layton, Margaret Atterbury, Rachel Wozniak, Frank Scarsella,

Megan Lyons, Nate McHugh, and Kayla Vliet.

Students involved in the Current Events competition were Margaret Atterbury, Rosemary Clark, Rachel Wozniak, Sara Rogerson, Julie Mercik, Leah Young, Michael Rudnac, John Wolfe, Devon Jacobs, Luke Young, Gwen Wolfe, Kelsey Layton, Kayla Vliet, and Mudar Mamary.

Senatorial & American Legion Awards

Senatorial "Good Citizenship Award"



Renee Parseghian

Senator John Wozniak presented the Senatorial "Good Citizenship Award" this year, giving special recognition to the student who best met the following criteria:

- Superior academic achievement
- Leadership abilities
- Consistent work habits
- Good self image
- Ability to get along well with others

Recipient of this award for the 2001-2002 school year was Renee Parseghian.

American Legion Awards

This award is presented by the American Legion Auxiliary to one 8th grade boy and one 8th grade girl. Recipients of the American Legion Awards for the 2001-2002 school year are Christopher Shadid and Allison Virus. The criteria used to select the recipients are listed and defined below.

Honor: Strength and stability of character, high standards of conduct, keen sense of what is right, adherence to truth and conscience, and devotion to duty.

Scholarship: Scholastic attainment, evidence of industry, and application in studies.

Service: Kindness, unselfishness, willingness to lend a helping hand, protection to the weak, and preferment of the interests and welfare of associates without hope of personal reward.

Americanism: Active interest in promotion of love of country as may be expressed in formal exercises, respect to the flag, knowledge



Christopher Shadid and Allison Virus

of the National Anthem, the flag salute, adherence to the country's highest ideals, and worthy citizenship.

Leadership: Ability to do well the duties of leadership assigned to one as exemplified in holding of office, committees, etc. and exhibition of good team play.

Courage: Moral courage to stand up for what is right, and physical courage in games and play.

Foreign Language Achievement

Foreign Language Achievement at the High School

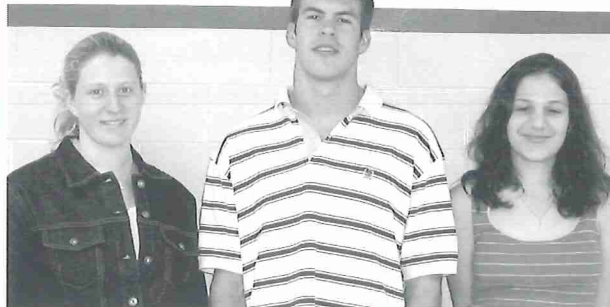
The following students participated in this year's APPLES (Appalachian Language Educators' Society) Foreign Language Festival at UPJ. Over 400 students from more than a dozen area school districts participated.

FRENCH		
Student	Place	Category
French 2		
Jill Nadorlik	1	Sr. Art Original
Mena Shaker	3	Listening Comprehension
French 3		
Alan Gore	1	Literary Recitation
Travis Seth	2	Jr. Web Page
French 4		
Amanda Lusk	3	Listening Comprehension & Speaking Proficiency
Renee Milkie	2	Literary Recitation
	2	Sr. Dance
Diane Ozbold	2	Reading Comprehension
	3	Composition
SPANISH		
Spanish 2		
Lara Null	3	T-shirt slogan
Spanish 3		
Sara Brown	3	Literary Recitation
Nicole Carney	2	Speaking Proficiency
	3	Listening Comprehension
Teri & Nicole Carney	2	Sr. Music-vocal
Chris Gonzalez	3	Sr. Music-piano
Giselle Martinetti	2	Listening Comprehension
Spanish 4		
Cory Glass	1	Speaking Proficiency
Zachary Pozun	1	Literary Recitation
	3	Listening Comprehension & Speaking Proficiency
Spanish 5		
Sarah Crichton	1	Reading Comprehension, Listening Comprehension & Literary Recitation
	2	Speaking Proficiency
	3	Composition
Kathleen Krauland	2	Reading Comprehension
	3	Listening Comprehension
Chris LaRocca	1	Speaking Proficiency
	3	Listening Comprehension & Reading Comprehension
Peter Schroeder	2	Listening Comprehension & Reading Comprehension
	3	Speaking Proficiency
Amy Youngberg	2	Literary Recitation

Foreign Language Achievement

Completing Levels 1-5 in Both French and Spanish

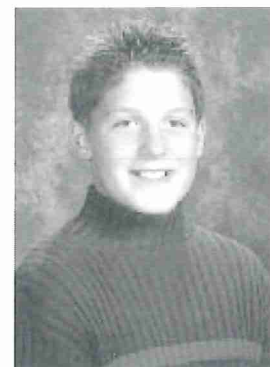
Christina Walsh, Michael Smith, and Kathleen Krauland of the Class of 2002 have accomplished in languages what no other Westmont Hilltop students have done in the past. These students graduated after having completed Levels 1 through 5 in both French and Spanish. Señor DiBernardo, Señora Zellers, and Mdme. Rugh have recommended them to the (PSMLA) PA State Modern Language Association for inclusion in its High School World Language Recognition Program. They will receive certificates noting this honor from the PSMLA. Congratulations, Noeme/



L-R Christina Walsh, Michael Smith, Kathleen Krauland

Lola, Napoleon/Coronado, et Josie/Catalina.

Ninth grader **Bradley Strack** received a scholarship from APPLES to attend the French Language



Bradley Strack

Camp at Millersville University this summer. The experience will be a week-long immersion program. Brad took French 2 the first semester of his freshman year and French 3 during the second.

Foreign Language Achievement at the Middle School

On Saturday, March 23, 2002, a group of seventh and eighth grade students from Westmont Hilltop Middle School participated in the annual Foreign Language Festival held at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. This group of students participated in various competitions with students of similar age and grade level from other local school districts. These competitions ranged from artistic mediums to academic displays of language acquisition. This year's group from WHMS did very well, with many of our students taking home honors in the various competitions.

We are very proud of all of our students who took time from their Saturday to participate in the Foreign Language Festival!

Congratulations to the following students:

Heidi DeMarco	2nd place, Spanish I Literary Recitation
Devon Dill	2nd place, Art Reproduction
Jennifer Broach & Michael Wozniak	3rd place, Web Page Design
Jesse Lee & Kyle Plummer	1st place, Web Page Design
Katherine Drummey & Elizabeth Povich	2nd place, Music
Nikhita Dharbhamulla	3rd place, Music
Lauren Rizzo	3rd place, Art Non-Reproduction
Leah Bambino	1st place, Art Reproduction
Courtney Blackner	3rd place, Model Construction
Rebecca Hirsch	2nd place, French I Literary Recitation
Laura Muchesko	1st place, T-Shirt Design & 3rd place, French I Composition

Community Recognition

Community Recognition



Robert Hagerich



Luke Gyure

Robert Hagerich, Luke Gyure, Peter Schroeder, and Christina Walsh were selected by the Ferndale Lions



Peter Schroeder



Christina Walsh

Club as Students of the Month. Robert will attend Carnegie Mellon University; Luke will attend the University of Michigan; Peter will attend Notre Dame; and Christi will attend Juniata College.

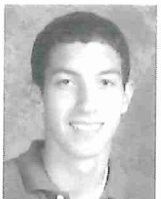


Meghan Barzeski, who plans to study nursing at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, was recognized by the Greater Johnstown

Regional Central Labor Council and was awarded a scholarship for her essay on "Why Workplace Safety is Important."



Luke Gyure received a Johnstown Rotary Club Scholarship to study jazz and jazz performance at the University of Michigan.



Chris LaRocca was named the Johnstown Exchange Club Student of the Month in January. He was recognized by the

Tribune-Democrat as Academic All-Star, and he was featured in WJAC-TV's "Region's Brightest."



Marc Rizzo, who plans to study pharmacy at Duquesne, received a Coca-Cola Scholars Award.



Natalie Rosenbaum received the OYW Scholarship (Outstanding Young Woman of the Year) for 2001-2002.



Jonahan Rugh, who plans to study art at Alfred University in New York, received the Allied Artists Honorable Mention and was awarded membership.

Community Service

After September 11th, students constructed and signed giant "cards" of support and placed them at the site of the Flight 93 crash. High school Student Council held a Hat Day for the Red Cross Relief Fund and collected \$255.00. As another part of community service, high school Student Council members sponsored the annual Blood Drive on November 21 and again exceeded their quota of blood collected for the Red Cross. They also donated to the "One-Less-Tear" project that benefits cancer research.

At Thanksgiving, students once again helped through service and entertainment at the fourth annual Senior Citizens' Luncheon. Each building participated with the fourth grade singing patriotic songs and designing placemats, the middle school orchestra providing pre-luncheon entertainment, and the high school performing and serving in "luncheon theater" style.

In December, homerooms competed against one another in an effort to collect food and other nonperishable items. Over four truck loads of food were donated to

the local food pantry. During the Christmas season, members of the high school technology classes constructed toys and donated them to the annual Toys for Tots campaign. On Friday, April 5, high school Student Council sponsored a charity dance that benefits the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award



William Lusk

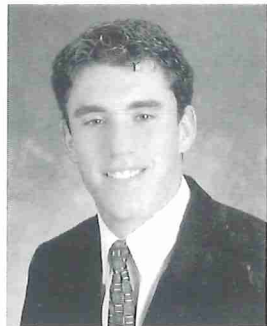
The Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award for 2001-2002 at the middle school was awarded to William Lusk. The award, presented by McDonald's,

is given to an eighth grader who demonstrates the following positive attributes: citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and sportsmanship.

Sports Achievement

2001-2002 Individual Excellence Award

Outstanding Male Athlete James Kanuch



James Kanuch

James Kanuch was awarded the Outstanding Male Athlete Award at the Athletic Awards Assembly. Jim was a key ingredi-

ent in three varsity sports – football, basketball, and track, earning nine varsity letters during his career at Westmont Hilltop. In football, Jim finished his career with 2076 yards rushing and 865 yards receiving. He was selected by the Associated Press as First Team All State Defensive Back in 2001. James was also named to the PrepStar Football All-America Team. He holds the school record in the 100 meters, 200 meters, and long jump. Jim was a two-time state qualifier in the 100 meter dash, finishing 4th in both events this year. He was selected as MVP in the Westmont Hilltop Tip Off and UPJ Roundball Classic basketball tournaments. He is a member of the National Honor Society and was heavily recruited by numerous Division 1 schools. Jim will attend Penn State University in the fall on a football scholarship.

Outstanding Female Athlete Award – Chelsi Genday

Chelsi Genday was awarded the Outstanding Female Athlete Award at the Athletic Awards Assembly. Chelsi earned eleven varsity letters during her career at Westmont Hilltop while competing in volleyball, basketball, softball, and track. Chelsi was named Most Valuable Player in volleyball, basketball, and track for the 2001-2002 seasons. She



Chelsi Genday

was named to the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference All Star Team in basketball and was selected to participate in the Big John Riley Classic and Summit Invitational. Chelsi was a PIAA state qualifier in the javelin. Chelsi is a member of the National Honor Society and will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Special Basketball Award Adams Honored



Michael Adams (l) and Donald Rullman

Michael Adams received recognition and appreciation of the Johnstown Flood City Rollers for his athletic accomplishments as a regular player for three years and a starter for two seasons at a level of competition, sportsmanship, determination, and skill worthy of such recognition. The Hiram G. Andrews is home to the Flood City Rollers, a wheelchair organization that was organized in 1987. Since Mike's initial association with them at the age of twelve, during which he traveled with his dad and the team to tournament events throughout the Eastern US and Canada, he has become an accomplished and respected athlete within the conference and the National Wheelchair

Basketball Association. He now leads the Flood City Rollers in scoring at several tournament events. Mike was awarded a letter in basketball from the Westmont Hilltop School District. He will attend Edinboro University in the fall and will play for their nationally ranked basketball team. Pictured at left are Michael Adams and Donald Rullman, Team Representative of the Flood City Rollers, and a 1974 Westmont Hilltop graduate, who presented Mike's letter during an awards assembly.

Individual Athletic Recognition

David Coulson Award Outstanding Football Player

Jim Kanuch / Dave Fetzer

Herdman - Dailey Award Outstanding Girls/Boys Track

Chelsi Genday / Jim Kanuch

Lori Blackburn Memorial Award Track Team Dedication

Pat Barron

Dr. Michael Sewak Award Outstanding Girls' Basketball Player

Chelsi Genday

Skip Pristow Award Outstanding Boys' Basketball Player

Nick Mezyk / Zak Koval

William Askey Award Outstanding Volleyball Player

Chelsi Genday

Ellwood Ailes Award Outstanding Baseball Player

Scott Goss

Milt Lantz Scholarship Award

Nate Hough

David J. Murphy Award Outstanding Hockey Players

Sean Dorian

Corona & Grady Coach's Award Outstanding Boys' Soccer Player

Dan Campbell

John Saracena Coach's Award Outstanding Girls' Soccer Player

Rachael Peterson

Outstanding Girls' Swimmer

Jen Price

Outstanding Boys' Swimmer

Jordan Grados

Dr. William J. Hargreaves Award Outstanding Male Golfer

Don Watkins

Outstanding Female Golfer

Katrin Wolfe

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