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Westmoreland High School
Saturday, October 10, 2026

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Students, Staff, Families, and Members of the Westmoreland Community,

Welcome back to a new school year! As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, I am excited to welcome our students, staff, and families back for what we know will be an exciting and rewarding school year. A new school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, build relationships, and create lasting memories. Our dedicated teachers, staff, administrators, and support teams have been working hard to prepare for another successful year, and we are looking forward to seeing our hallways filled with smiling and enthusiastic students once again.



Rocco Migliori
Superintendent of Schools

Our mission remains the same: To work collaboratively with the entire community to maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment where high expectations are the norm and risk-taking vigor, creativity, independence and innovation are valued and fostered. We work tirelessly to achieve this mission day in and day out each school year. We know that this is the expectation of our entire community and understand the value of working toward this goal collaboratively. So, thank you to everyone for their partnership as we strive to make this the best school year ever.

We are pleased to share that all school meals will be provided free of charge to all students during the 2026–2027 school year.

Although meals are free for every student, we are asking all families to complete the Household Income Collection Form. Completing this form is extremely important because the information collected can help our schools qualify for additional funding and resources that directly benefit our students and programs. New York State uses this data to determine how operating aid is distributed to schools throughout our state, so this information is vitally important.

By completing the form, families may also become eligible for additional benefits, including discounts on utilities and internet services and potential fee waivers for college applications. Please take a few minutes to complete the Household Income Collection Form. Every form matters, and your participation helps support our students and our schools.

As we begin this new school year, I encourage everyone to approach the year with enthusiasm, kindness and a commitment to making Westmoreland a place where every student feels valued and supported. We are proud of the many opportunities available to our students both inside and outside the classroom, and we encourage full participation as we look forward to another year of academic achievement, athletic competition and artistic expression in the many activities that make our school community special. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated school community, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together this year.

Sincerely,
Rocco Migliori



SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL THIS YEAR!

Complete Your Household Income Form!

Completing your form online takes less than 10 minutes -- it's easy and confidential. Only one form per household is needed. Visit ezmealapp.com to complete your form TODAY!

INAUGURAL MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

October 10, 2026 • Westmoreland High School



WAVES OF SOUND – HOME SHOW 2026

October 10 | Westmoreland Jr./Sr. High School

The Pride of Westmoreland Marching Band is proud to kick off our FIRST-EVER HOME SHOW!

Get ready to fill the stadium with music, energy, and unforgettable performances as marching bands from across the region take the field and bring the night to life!

Get ready to fill the stadium with music, energy, and unforgettable performances as marching bands from across the region take the field and bring the night to life! A great community atmosphere celebrating our students and their hard work. Bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your Bulldog spirit!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Amazing performances from talented marching bands
- Exciting raffles throughout the evening
- Delicious food and concessions

TICKETS

- \$10 Presale
- \$12 at the Gate
- Children 5 & under FREE

WELCOME

OUR NEW TEACHERS & STAFF



Mrs. Golden
Teacher Assistant



Miss Rockwell
Social Studies Teacher



Mrs. Staring
Teacher Assistant



Mrs. Verga
Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Cittadino
26 years - Science Teacher



Mr. Dullin
34 years - Bus Mechanic



CELEBRATING OUR RETIREES



Ms. Knibiehly
21 years - Teacher Aide



Mrs. Shafer
28 years - Computer Specialist



Ms. Usyk
32 years - Teacher Assistant

Thank you for the countless ways you have supported our students, staff, and Bulldog community. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and you will always be a part of the Westmoreland family.

**Congratulations, and
thank you for all you
have done!**



You will have approximately 8.5 hours of **FREE** time in NYC. Explore the city! Sight see, attend a Broadway matinee, shop, visit historic sites and museums, take the subway to explore even more of the city, and taste New York City's finest cuisine! So many opportunities, especially at Christmas time!

We will load the bus at approximately 7:30 p.m. for departure from Bryant Park. The exact time of departure will be determined at drop-off.
Price: \$125 per person.

Visit our website to view full trip itinerary, additional details, and registration information.

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The 2026–27 Westmoreland School District Calendar Is Now Available!

The new school year is just around the corner! Now is a great time to check out the 2026–27 school calendar and start planning ahead.

Be sure to take a look at important dates, school breaks, holidays, and other helpful information as we get ready for another great school year

**2026-2027
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**AVAILABLE
NOW**





We are proud to celebrate an incredible achievement for Westmoreland Jr./Sr. High School!

According to rankings recently released by Syracuse.com, Westmoreland ranked #1 out of 69 Central New York schools for Global Studies Regents performance this year!

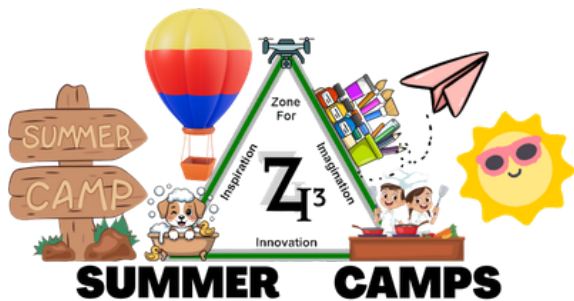
"Donald H. Crane Junior/Senior High School in the Westmoreland Central School District was first in the region with a proficiency level of 99%."

This outstanding achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers. We are incredibly proud of their commitment to academic excellence!

Celebrating Excellence in 2026!

Westmoreland has earned national recognition as one of the Best Communities for Music Education, highlighting our strong commitment to music education and student success. This honor represents more than just music — it reflects opportunity, access, and a dedication to ensuring every student can experience the power of music.

We are proud to be recognized and even prouder of our students, educators, and community who make this possible each and every day!



The 2026 ZI3 Summer Enrichment Camps were a wonderful success! Throughout July, students had the opportunity to explore their creativity, learn through hands-on experiences, and discover new interests through four unique enrichment camps.

The combination of engineering, art, creativity, animal care, and service made Canine Creations Camp a fantastic way to wrap up the summer enrichment series.

The 2026 ZI3 Summer Enrichment Camps provided students with four completely different opportunities to create, explore, experiment, collaborate, and learn outside of the traditional classroom setting.

From aviation and engineering to art and design, culinary science, animals, and community service, each camp gave students the chance to try something new while having fun with their classmates.



Little Free Libraries Installed at Westmoreland Elementary School



Westmoreland Elementary School is excited to announce the installation of two new Little Free Libraries, located near the flagpoles at both the Primary Building and the Upper Elementary Building. These "Take a Book, Share a Book" free book-sharing boxes are now open and ready for students, families, and community members to enjoy. During the ceremony, student representatives expressed their appreciation by presenting members of the Kiwanis Club with Westmoreland Bulldogs mugs filled with candy and treats as a small token of thanks for their support and dedication to our school community.

Olympic Day Brings Fun, Teamwork, and Bulldog Pride to Westmoreland



Westmoreland's annual Olympic Day was once again a tremendous success, bringing together students in grades Kindergarten through 6th for a day filled with excitement, friendly competition, and school spirit.



Elementary Students Show Their Support for the Ride for Missing Children

In June, our elementary students had the opportunity to take part in a meaningful community event as they gathered outside to cheer on the cyclists participating in the Ride for Missing Children.

Westmoreland Students Bring History to Life Through Traveling Anne Frank Exhibit



Westmoreland Central School District was honored to host the Traveling Anne Frank Exhibit from the University of South Carolina, providing students, staff, families, and community members with a powerful educational experience centered around history, empathy, and the importance of standing up for others. The Traveling Anne Frank Exhibit depicts the life and legacy of Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl whose diary became one of the most recognized and impactful accounts of the Holocaust. While the exhibit itself offered an important historical perspective, what made the experience truly unique at Westmoreland was the role our students played in bringing Anne's story to life.



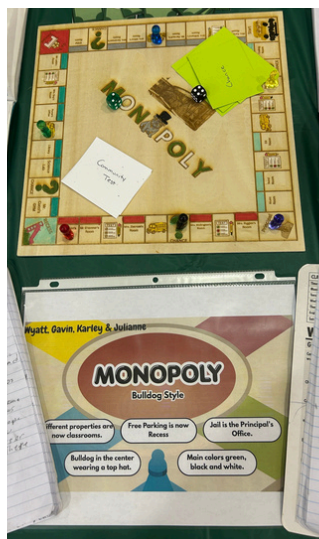
Fourth Grade Students Combine Research, Engineering, and Creativity Through Board Game Project



Westmoreland's 4th grade students this past spring, engaged in an exciting cross-curricular project that combined research, writing, engineering, creativity, and collaboration. During their research lab class, students explored classic board games such as Risk, Checkers, Monopoly, Battleship, and many others while learning valuable academic and problem-solving skills along the way.

Working with Mr. O'Connor and other staff members, students learned how to effectively research a topic using reliable sources and organize factual information in their own words. Throughout the project, students practiced the writing process by creating rough drafts, revising, editing, and improving their work multiple times to develop polished final pieces. The experience helped students strengthen both their research and writing abilities while learning more about the history and mechanics of classic board games.

At the same time, students collaborated with Mrs. Davis in the Zi3 Lab to apply the engineering design process to recreate their researched games using the laser engraver. Students were challenged to plan, design, problem solve, and create original Westmoreland-themed versions of the games they studied.





2025-26 WTA Students of the Month

September — Carter Tyczynski
October — Sha'rie Hawkins
November — Emma Szarek
December — Breana Bulger
January — Aniras Haas
February — Adeline Hinman
March — Kayla Perrault
April — Abrianna Metz



The Westmoreland Teachers Association proudly recognizes students who demonstrate academic achievement, strong character, good citizenship, and active involvement in both school and community activities.



The Class of 2026 enjoyed an unforgettable senior trip, celebrating the end of their high school journey with an exciting adventure through Boston. Filled with sightseeing, recreation, and time spent together, the trip provided students with lasting memories just days before graduation.



WESTMORELAND JR. & SR. PROM

Students enjoyed a magical evening at Twin Ponds in New York Mills as they celebrated the 2026 Junior-Senior Prom under the theme "Enchanted Garden." The venue provided a beautiful setting for a night filled with dancing, music, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime.



Buffalo Bills Name Coach Tim Moore Syracuse Region (Section III) Flag Football Coach of the Week



Westmoreland head coach Tim Moore was named the Syracuse region Coach of the Week for the week ending Sunday, May 3. In the program's inaugural season, the Bulldogs have notched a 6-2-1 record.

Moore began his coaching career in 2021 as an assistant offensive and defensive line coach for the tackle football program at Proctor High School. He has also coached travel softball and varsity girls basketball and served as an assistant coach for Westmoreland's varsity boys football program.



Westmoreland Tennis Team Earns 4th Place Finish at League Tournament

The Westmoreland Tennis Team delivered an outstanding performance at the league tournament held on April 30, earning an impressive 4th place finish out of 11 competing schools. The team demonstrated determination, skill, and resilience throughout the day under the leadership of Head Coach Gamboa.

Ashton Ricci – 2026 CNY PGA Junior Tour Boys Age 14–15 Champion!



Westmoreland Central School is proud to recognize Ashton Ricci for an outstanding accomplishment on the 2026 Central New York PGA Junior Tour!

The Central New York PGA Junior Tour provides young golfers throughout the region with the opportunity to compete in professionally run tournaments, develop their skills, and experience the challenges and rewards of competitive golf. The 2026 season featured more than 20 tournaments for boys and girls ages 9–18, with events held throughout Central New York.

Arbiter Is the New Home for Westmoreland Athletics!

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Available on Website



**GOOD LUCK
FALL SPORTS
ATHLETES**



Friday Night Football Featured by Syracuse.com was held on Friday September 11th

Friday night's football action was featured by Syracuse.com with a special "College GameDay"-style pregame show! The event included fan skills competitions, prizes, and coverage from the host school leading up to kickoff.

What a great way to showcase high school football and the excitement surrounding Friday Night Lights!

📷 Photos courtesy of Syracuse.com





Westmoreland Central School District Celebrates the Class of 2026 at 123rd Annual Commencement Ceremony

On Thursday, June 18, 2026, Westmoreland Central School District proudly celebrated its 123rd Annual Commencement Ceremony as family members, friends, faculty, staff, and community members gathered in the high school gymnasium to honor the graduating Class of 2026.

The evening was filled with reflection, gratitude, and excitement as graduates looked back on their journey through Westmoreland while preparing for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Student graduate Adyson Archer addressed her classmates with heartfelt remarks, sharing memories and words of encouragement as the Class of 2026 embarks on its next chapter. The ceremony also featured inspiring messages from Commencement Speaker Mr. Downing, Board of Education President Mr. Acee, Superintendent Mr. Migliori, High School Principal Mr. Saxton, and Class President Kaelin Haynes, each offering congratulations and advice for the graduates as they move forward.

Adding to the celebration, senior members of the band and chorus delivered moving musical performances, giving one final performance together before an audience of proud family members and friends. Their talents and dedication provided a memorable soundtrack to the evening's festivities.

One of the ceremony's most touching traditions came as seniors received a rose from their class advisors, Mr. Darrah and Mrs. DeCarolus, which they then presented to a parent or guardian in appreciation of the love and support that helped guide them to graduation.

Graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas from Superintendent Mr. Migliori, Principal Mr. Saxton and Board President Mr. Acee, marking the official completion of their high school careers.

The 123rd Annual Commencement Ceremony was a wonderful celebration of perseverance, achievement, and the bright futures awaiting the members of the Class of 2026. Westmoreland Central School District extends its heartfelt congratulations to every graduate and wishes them continued success in all of their future endeavors.