Cleveland Hill HIGHLIGHTS

FALL 2026

Welcome!



Ariana Mann is honored to join the Cleveland Hill Board of Education. She is a district parent and advocate for students and families.

Ariana and her husband, Kale, have three children. Jordan, who graduated from Cleveland Hill in 2022, and their daughters, Harper and Carter, who attend Cleveland Hill Middle School and are active in band, chorus, volleyball, and student council. These experiences have strengthened Ariana's appreciation for the district and its opportunities for students.

Ariana works as a Senior Administrative Assistant at Delaware North and leads the Women's Department at Faith Temple Community Church in Elmira, NY. She looks forward to working with her fellow board members to support students, staff, and families while strengthening connections between school and community.

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A Message From the Superintendent of Schools



David E. Evans
Superintendent

Preparing Cleveland Hill Students for the Future

A new school year brings fresh energy to our schools. Students reconnect with friends, meet new teachers, and settle into new routines. As we move from those first weeks into winter concerts and winter sports, students have many opportunities to share their talents, encourage one another, and build connections beyond the classroom.

I want to share what NY Inspires, New York State's plan to strengthen teaching and learning, could mean for Cleveland Hill students, along with what remains unchanged for now. We are following the state's work closely and preparing through Project Elevate, with students at the center of our planning.

NY Inspires emphasizes strong academic knowledge and the skills students can use in many settings, including critical thinking, communication, problem solving, collaboration, and adaptability. The state is working toward more flexible ways for students to show what they know and can do while keeping expectations high.

New York State has proposed moving to one New York State High School Diploma. Under the proposed timeline, students graduating in January 2028 or later would not have to pass Regents exams as a separate diploma requirement. Regents exams would continue for assessment purposes and could remain one way for students to demonstrate learning or earn seals and endorsements. A full competency-based graduation system is also proposed for students entering Grade 9 in fall 2029, with a greater focus on students demonstrating what they know and can do.

These changes are proposals and are not in effect yet. The Board of Regents must approve regulatory changes before graduation requirements change. Until then, students will continue following the requirements that apply to them now. We will keep you updated as the state makes decisions and share clear information about what applies to your child.

At Cleveland Hill, Project Elevate provides us with a step-by-step framework for preparation. We are looking at how curriculum, instruction, assessment, and learning opportunities fit together across grade levels, and how students can apply what they learn in meaningful ways. We will support educators, follow state guidance closely, and continue listening to families as our planning moves forward.

Our focus remains on your child's learning. We want every student to feel supported, appropriately challenged, and prepared for the next step. Cleveland Hill has dedicated educators, talented students, and families who care deeply about their children's success. I am confident that, by planning carefully and working together, we can build a strong program that keeps expectations high and prepares every Cleveland Hill graduate for what comes next. Your partnership matters, and we will continue to share information as this work develops.

Student Board Member



Senior **Afsheen Hafiz,** was selected as the Ex Officio Student Member of the Cleveland Hill Union Free School District Board of Education. Her one-year term runs July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Afsheen intends to uphold and amplify youth voice by actively listening to her peers and making sure their ideas and concerns are clearly communicated to the Board.

We are excited to see how she will bring student voice to the Board of Education.

2027-2028 CLEVELAND HILL UFSD BUDGET PROCESS

The Board of Education encourages all to attend and share your thoughts on our budget with us. If you are unable to attend, please visit our website at www.clevehill.org, for valuable budget information that we update regularly.

To find the list of Budget Workshops dates visit the Budget section of our website at: District/About Cleveland Hill/Financial Information/2027-2028 Budget.

The Board of Education will Adopt the Budget at our April 21, 2027 meeting, will hold our Official Budget Hearing and Presentation on May 5, 2027 and the Board Election and Budget Vote will be held on May 18, 2027 from 12:00 – 8:00 PM.



This year, we are thrilled to have expanded our school family with several wonderful new staff members, including our outstanding new assistant principal, who all bring fresh energy and a deep dedication to our students' growth. As you can see in our team photo, we have stepped into this year fully unified—wearing our matching school shirts to symbolize our shared commitment to every child who walks through our doors. Together with our returning educators, we are ready to foster a safe, joyful, and inspiring learning environment where every student can thrive!

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MEETINGS

Meeting Schedule

January 12, 2027 • 6:00 pm
March 10, 2027 • 6:00 pm
May 12, 2027* • 6:00 pm

All are welcome to attend our meetings. We hope you will join us.

**Elections held at May meeting.*

JOIN HERE

PTA STORE

PTA FACEBOOK

Family Resource Center

Cleveland Hill
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Direct Number: 716-836-7200 ext. 8363

The Mission of the Family Resource Center is to provide a school-community collaboration of services to families and children that will strengthen and support the family role in the child development and education to optimize student achievement in school and the community.

The Family Resource Center can assist families by:

- Providing counseling free of charge for individuals, couples and families.
- Linking families with resources in the community.
- Encouraging and supporting parents' involvement in their children's education.

All services are free and confidential.

UPK Students Creating with PlayDoh

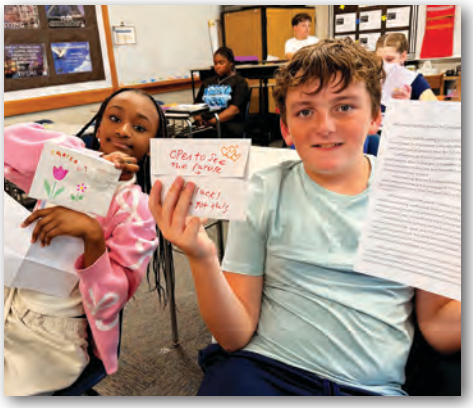


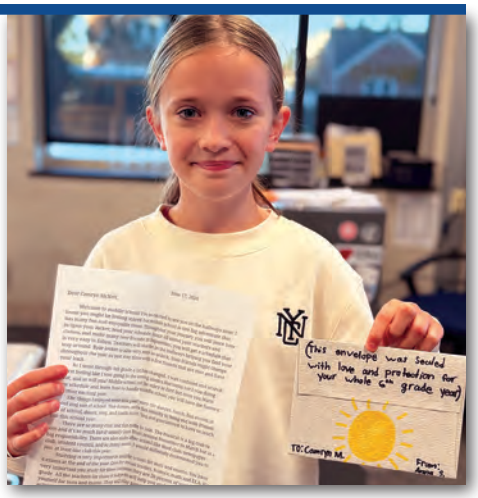
Happy UPK Students



Words of Wisdom







Our new 6th grade ELA students were thrilled to read "Welcome to 6th Grade" letters filled with words of wisdom from the Class of 2032. Thank you for helping our newest middle schoolers feel welcomed and connected!

6th Grade Orientation & First WEB Wednesday





The transition to middle school is a big step, and our newest 6th graders were welcomed in style at this year's orientation on August 28! Led by our amazing 8th grade WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Leaders, students participated in a variety of activities designed to build community, ease the first-day nerves, and share valuable tips for success in 6th grade. From team-building challenges to small group discussions, the day was filled with energy, laughter, and encouragement as the Class of 2033 took their first steps into middle school life.

We also celebrated our first WEB Wednesday of the year! These special sessions, guided once again by our dedicated WEB Leaders, provide opportunities for 6th graders to connect, learn, and grow together. This week's activities focused on relationship building and getting to know one another, helping students strengthen bonds and feel even more at home in their new school community.

A special thank you goes to the CHEF Program for their continual support of our WEB Program. Their generosity provided the WEB Leader t-shirts, which help our 8th graders stand out as role models and mentors for their younger peers and will fund many of our after-school social activities.

Together, we are building a middle school community where everybody belongs!

MS Kick Back Event







Our PBIS Kick Back Event was a fun, rewarding space to recognize and celebrate positive behavior and create student connection!

MasterMinds Team League Champions



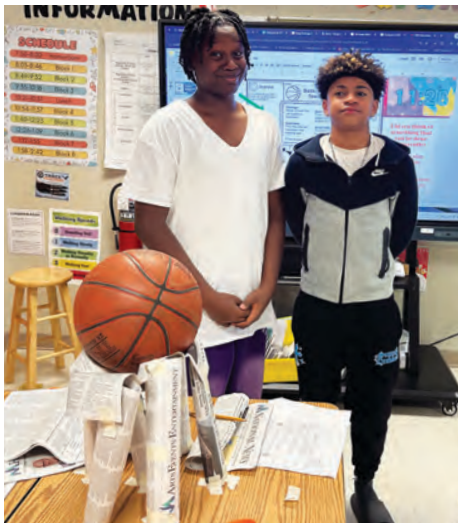


Our MasterMinds team finished in first place in our league for the 2025-2026 season. The team members were Leah Pantano, Chris Pellicci, Michael Mogavero, Nathan Raczynski, and Jax Keidel. Chris was also named to the regional All-Star team. Congratulations!

The 5 Cs and The Design Thinking Process

This semester has brought new students, fresh ideas, and exciting challenges to our 7–8th grade STEM classes! We began the semester by focusing on two important foundations of STEM learning: the **5 Cs** (Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Curiosity) and the **Design Thinking Process**. These skills guide everything we do in class and help students solve real-world problems in thoughtful and innovative ways.





At the start of the semester, all grade levels participated in engaging, hands-on team challenges that promoted cooperative learning and creative problem-solving. Some of our favorite activities included:

- **7th Grade:** Build a Paper Bridge and the Spaghetti Marshmallow Challenge
- **8th Grade:** Tallest Newspaper Structure and Fitting Through Paper Activity

These activities encouraged students to think outside the box, collaborate effectively, test ideas, learn from mistakes, and improve their designs—just like real engineers!

Senior Sunrise

Although it rained for our Senior Sunrise event, students made the best of the morning!



Pink The Pool



Cleveland Hill/Maryvale Girls Swimming & Diving Team participated in the **Pink the Pool** event. The caps were donated, and the girl's collected signatures in exchange for a $1 donation. At the meet, swimmers from both teams wore the pink caps in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and all proceeds were donated to ECMC to support the Mobile Mammography Bus (Big Pink Bus). Thank you to our coaches for your leadership and to everyone who supported this great cause.

Annual Senior Teacher Appreciation Game

Congratulations to all staff members recognized at the Pep Rally and before the game. Thank you for your continued efforts that make a difference in students' lives.



Athletic Booster Club News





Cleveland Hill Athletic Booster Club has started its first full year. The Boosters leadership team and parent volunteers are at all of our home contests providing concessions and raising money to give back to our student athletes. Already this year the Booster Club has donated goggles to the girls swimming and diving team, guardian caps to the football program, and a new initiative, Senior Banners. The Booster Club is also looking for more members, if you are interested, please email them: **clevehillboosterclub@gmail.com**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students can obtain volunteer hours by supporting the Athletic Booster Club and helping with concessions at home events. Please see your guidance counselor for more information.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Character Player of the Game



Bryan Boswell II was selected by the officials as Cleveland Hill's Character Player of the Game. He received this award at the conclusion of the Gowanda/ Pine Valley game.

NYSPHSAA Recognition

Cleveland Hill was recognized by NYSPHSAA "Stay in the Game Sportsmanship Program" for the 2025-2026 sports seasons.

CHARACTER AWARDS

TRUTH • RESPECT • ATTITUDE • NOW • STRONG

Cleveland Hill fall athletics has been underway and working to teach, model and demonstrate excellence in "CHARACTER". Our coaches help to support these important life skills and then "trophy" the winners. Posters are on display in the Athletic Hallway. This year's theme is TRANSFORMED.

WEEK 1 WINNERS: TRUTH

Jayla Gary – Varsity Cheerleading
Bryan Boswell II – Varsity Football
Jackson Jachimiak – Modified Football
Sarah Clark – JV Volleyball
Grace Creighton – Varsity Swimming
Emily Jurgielewicz – Varsity Vollyball

WEEK 2 WINNERS: RESPECT

Jolisa Joy – Varsity Cross Country
Abigail Jacques – Varsity Swimming
Maiyah Mann – JV Volleyball
Isabella Ciliberto – Varsity Volleyball
Jonathan Edson – Varsity Football
Myles Mullen – JV Football

WEEK 3 WINNERS: ATTITUDE

Ashlyn McNett – Varsity Cheerleading
Belle (Koriey) Stewart – Varsity Swimming
Preston Novack – JV Football
Persia Lee – JV Volleyball
Owen Rambally – Varsity Cross Country
Lucas Lyons – Modified Football
Michael Jurgielewicz – Varsity Football
Ameerah Johnson – Modified Cheerleading
Kayla Kirst – Varsity Volleyball

WEEK 4 WINNERS: NOW

Riley D'Amico-Becker – Varsity Swimming
Dalilah Treat – Modified Volleyball
Audriana Miller-Cannan – JV Volleyball
Alyssa Mann – Varsity Cheerleading
Jarel Shipp Jr. – Modified Football
Evan Rausa – Varsity Football
Ania Rokitka – Varsity Cross Country
Ojani Ortiz – JV Football
Rhianon Gerace – Varsity Volleyball

WEEK 5 WINNERS: STRONG

Dinero Hunt – JV Football
Lily Hawker – Varsity Cheerleading
Zara Fennell – Varsity Swimming
Kasia Rokitka – Varsity Cross Country
Brandon Nicpon II – Modified Football
Hadley Nawojski – Modified Volleyball
Jackson Elderkin – Varsity Football
Sayge D'Amico-Becker – JV Volleyball
Nina Frost – Varsity Volleyball

Congratulations to all of our Character Student Athlete winners!

SECTION VI MEDIA DAY

Cleveland Hill Football at Section VI Media Day held at Highmark Stadium on Wednesday, August 12th. (left to right) Head JV Coach Walter Haines, Brady D'hilly, Julian Arroyo, Jaiden Rainey, Assistant Varsity Coach H. Glen Graham, Hastiin Elder, Head Modified Coach Justin Gorrell. Great experience for all.



School Spirit















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November 18-20, 2026

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SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

In the event of school closure, our automated call system will be used to communicate to parents, guardians, or staff quickly via telephone. Every effort will also be made to get an announcement on our website and over radio and TV stations. Buses will not take students to any private or parochial schools or to any BOCES classes. All school activities in the evening will be cancelled unless an announcement to the contrary is made.

Cleveland Hill CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Nov. 11	Veterans Day - *No Student Attendance*
Nov. 24	1/2 Day ES/MS Conference Day - *No PM ES/MS Student Attendance*
Nov. 25	ES/MS/HS Conference Day - *No Student Attendance*
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess - *No Student Attendance*
Dec. 8	1/2 Day Staff Development - *No PM Student Attendance*
Dec. 10	MS Winter Concert
Dec. 17	HS Winter Concert
Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Winter Recess - *No Student Attendance*
Jan. 13	ES Winter Concert
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - *No Student Attendance*
Jan. 21	Grade 8 Transition Night

For current, up-to-date calendar details check the event section on our home page.
www.clevehill.org

Do you know about C.H.E.F.?

The Cleveland Hill Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide funding for innovative programs and materials for our Cleveland Hill students.

Past donations include funding for field trips, musicals, microscopes, author visits, sewing machines, weight room equipment, technology equipment, ELA programs, and so much more!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!
All monies go directly to programs that support our students.
PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO C.H.E.F.

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