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Westbury School District Newsletter

# The Dragon Tales



# Go, Dragons!





# SCENES FROM WESTBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 HOMECOMING



## A Message from Superintendent Dr. Tahira DuPree Chase

Every year, the Westbury School District Homecoming celebration is an event marked by school spirit, community, and friendship. The 2023-2024 school year homecoming had all those usual trademarks, of course, plus one particular new attribute: resilience. In the face of inclement weather, the scholars, educators and administrators in our district were undeterred, and they rallied together to turn Westbury High School into a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and districtwide school spirit. As we have shown consistently over the last few years, we Green Dragons can handle an unexpected challenge or two.

Every school in our district came together to showcase their enthusiasm by participating in a lively walking procession around the gymnasium. Inspired by the glitz and glamour of Broadway plays, this year's theme set the stage for a spectacular display of colorful and imaginative costumes. Despite the venue change, the enthusiasm and energy of the participants lit up the auditorium, creating unforgettable memories for everyone involved. It was truly a pleasurable experience for all who attended. I hope you will enjoy the beautiful memories collected here.









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## AROUND THE DISTRICT: STORIES FROM SPRING

### Legendary Track Coach Honored

During Westbury's homecoming festivities on October 14, 2023, Westbury High School and the broader community celebrated a remarkable milestone in the school's athletic history. Donald R. Ross, the esteemed track coach, was honored in a touching ceremony where the Board of Education and Westbury Union Free School District officially dedicated the brand-new WHS track as the Donald R. Ross Track and Field Complex. This gesture recognized Ross's exceptional 40-year tenure as a coach and mentor within the Westbury Athletic Department.



### What's a Parade Without a Great Grand Marshal?

Every homecoming needs a grand marshal, and this year, Westbury had one of the best! Westbury High School's own Tom Renner, who has nearly two decades of dedicated teaching and mentoring, served as the 2023-2024 Westbury Homecoming Grand Marshal. Renner's legacy was celebrated as a symbol of the school's enduring commitment to education. His twenty-year tenure made him a beloved figure among scholars and staff alike, and his role as the grand marshal highlighted the profound impact of educators in shaping the school's vibrant legacy. Mr. Renner's presence at the event was a testament to the lasting influence of passionate teachers at Westbury High School.

### Breakfast and School Heroes— Nothing Better than That

Westbury High School's homecoming pancake breakfast is a delightful tradition that brings the community together in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This year's event was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 in the school cafeteria. Scholars, teachers, alumni, and residents gathered to celebrate the spirit of togetherness and embody the school's sense of community, enabling connections beyond the academic realm.

