



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 15: Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball vs St. James
- Dec. 16- Jan. 2: Winter Break
- Dec. 20: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Conway Christian
- Dec. 27-29: Varsity Boys Basketball @ Berkeley Christmas Tournament
- Jan. 4 JV Boys Basketball vs. St. James
- Jan. 6 JV and Varsity Boys Basketball @ St. James
- Jan. 9: Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Lake City
- Jan. 11: JV Basketball vs. Loris
- Jan. 15: MLK Day (No School)
- Jan. 19: Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Georgetown
- Jan. 23: Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Dillon
- Jan. 24: Wrestling @ Home vs. Carolina Forest
- Jan. 25: JV Basketball vs. Lake City
- Jan. 27: Wrestling @ Home - Region Tournament
- Jan. 29-Feb. 2: Coming Home Week



Photo by Joshua Ford

The Waccamaw High School Marching Band marches in the Georgetown Holiday Parade

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10 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Rachel Moore, Photos provided by Mr. Nettles

Mrs. Tester's Life Skills class went on a field trip to the Dollar Tree in Georgetown. The students each found and bought one item to fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The students also put together a large quantity of shoe boxes for the program.



Above: Rachel Moore purchases her item for the Christmas shoebox

Left: Amber Grimes and other students search for gifts to pick out

IPHONE X RELEASED AMID MUCH ANTICIPATION

By Brooklyn Miller

For just \$999.00 you can get the iPhone X. Apple knows how much people are willing to pay for the newest gadgets, so they continue to raise the price. The iPhone X was released on November 3, 2017 with positive reviews circulating around it. It's been ten years since Apple released the first iPhone. This year, Apple took a different approach to further improve the quality of its newest device. Wanting to do something more elevating than the Touch ID for the iPhone 5S in 2013 and the removal of the headphone jack on the iPhone 7 in 2016, Apple went bold on the iPhone X. They added an all-new 5.8-inch Super Retina screen, making it feel as though the screen fills the user's entire hand. The display is aesthetically pleasing as it employs new techniques and technology to follow the curves of the design, all the way to the elegantly rounded corners. The phone now features a Face ID recognition that can be used as the password. It also features the most durable glass ever in a smartphone, front and back, as well as a surgical-grade stainless steel casing, and wireless charging. The phone is water and dust resistant, it includes a better camera, and instead of having a home button the user must swipe to get back to home page. Reviewers are saying it's a huge shift in iPhones and it's something to get used to. The lack of home button and audio jack enhance the difficulties in accessing the control system. But people are very happy with the camera, the new design, and great screen.



Photo credit: Mac Rumors



Senior, Connor Heimberger shows off his new iPhone X
Photo by Brooklyn Miller



Junior, Peyton Brown also has the new iPhone X
Photo by Joshua Ford

MAKING NOISE FOR LEADERSHIP

By Hunter Lane

On Friday, November 10th, multiple Student Council groups including came to Waccamaw High School for the District 2 Rally. District 2 is comprised of 14 high schools and middle schools, some including Carvers Bay, Sumter, Hartsville, Manning, and Carolina Forest. Tess Humowitz, District 2 Chair, hosted the event, which focused on collaboration and the exchange of leadership ideas. Students shared ideas focused on school spirit, fundraising, and other school-related functions.



Mary Russell Eddy, Olivia Brown, and Sloan Owens serve ice cream to participants



Students gathered in classrooms to discuss and share ideas

Below: Leaders use cheers to energize and excited participants

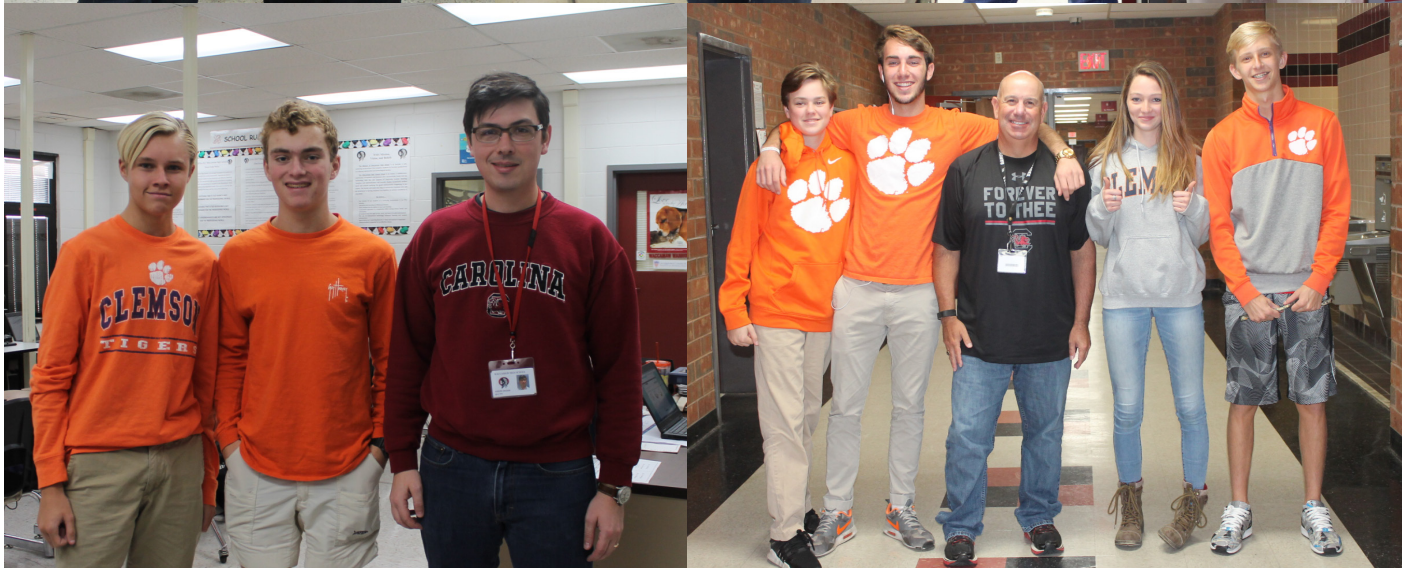


Above and left: students were served both breakfast and lunch
Below: Lots of decor and preparation went into welcoming schools to the rally



CLEMSON CAROLINA

DRESS UP DAY



COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR



Holiday Polls



CHRISTIAN GREAVES (LEFT)

FAVORITE MOVIE: **The Polar Express**

FAVORITE TRADITION: **Watching The Polar Express and traveling with family**

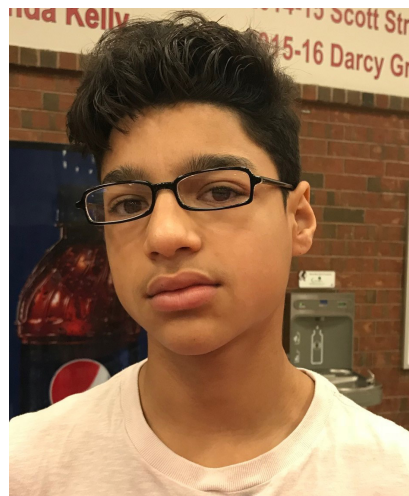
DO YOU TRAVEL? **Yes, to Ohio**

SKYLER KERTZEL (RIGHT)

FAVORITE MOVIE: **Home Alone**

FAVORITE TRADITION: **Decorating the Christmas Tree**

DO YOU TRAVEL? **No**

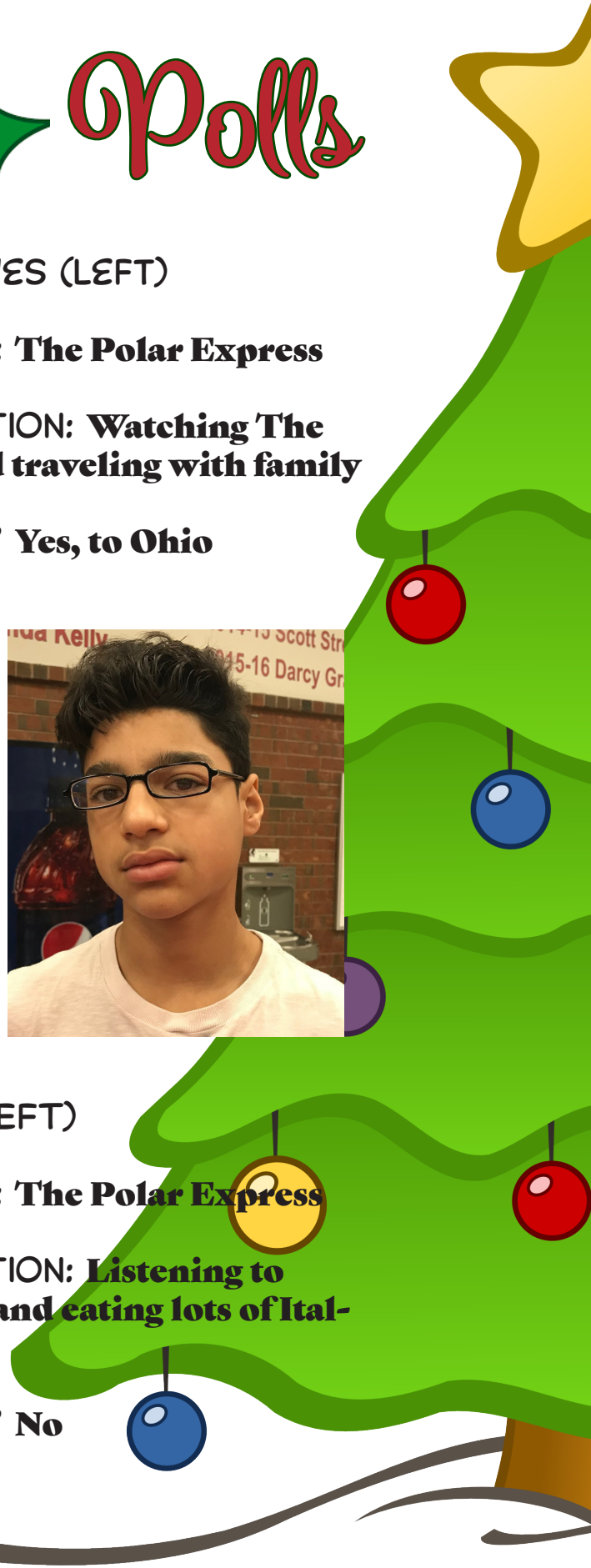


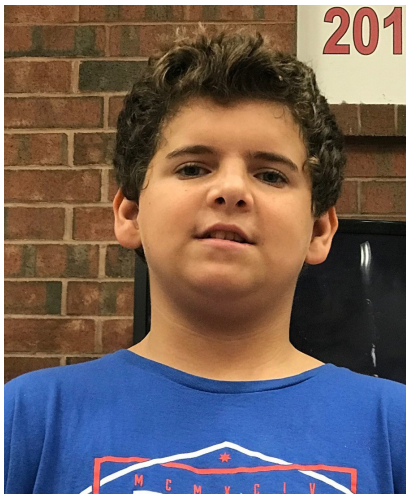
BELLA CERVINI (LEFT)

FAVORITE MOVIE: **The Polar Express**

FAVORITE TRADITION: **Listening to Christmas Music and eating lots of Italian food.**

DO YOU TRAVEL? **No**





JORDAN DUNN (LEFT)

FAVORITE MOVIE: **Elf**

FAVORITE TRADITION: **Going with family to New York and watching the Christmas Parade**

DO YOU TRAVEL? **Yes, New York**

JULIA MARINOFF (RIGHT)

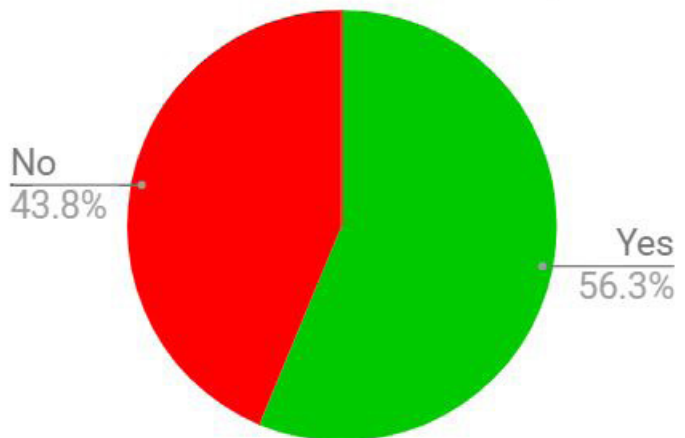
FAVORITE MOVIE: **The Grinch**

FAVORITE TRADITION: **Decorating the Christmas Tree**

DO YOU TRAVEL? **Sometimes**



Do You Travel Over the Holidays?



Polls and information compiled by Peyton Alford

Holiday Gift Guide

By Abi Luquire

Looking for last minute gift ideas? We've got you covered!

Under \$10



Candy Canes or other holiday candy



Gum



Nail polish



Pastries (store bought or homemade)



Cookies



Pens



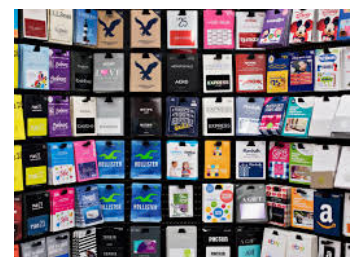
Hair accessories



Stickers



Travel sized lotions or hand sanitizers



\$10 gift cards (fast food, coffee)

\$10 and up



Portable Charger



Perfume or cologne



Socks



Shampoo



Funny t-shirt



Mascara, lip gloss



Candles



Lotion



Earbuds



Water bottle

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER BEFORE



Coach Vick



Dr. Hammel



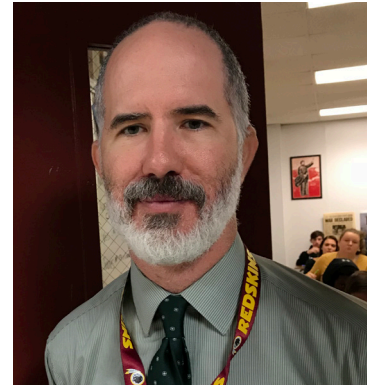
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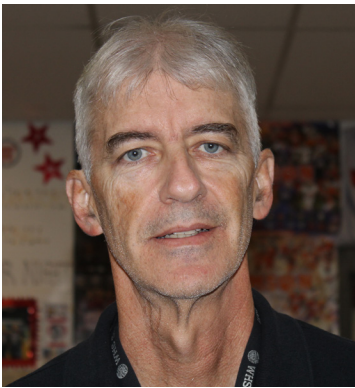
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Coach Schoen



Mr. Kibler



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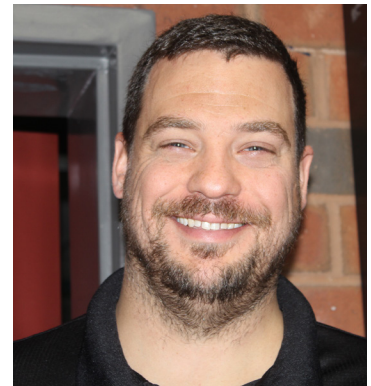
Coach Minkin



Coach Peterman



Mr. Vassallo



Mr. Parker

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER AFTER

The No Shave November fundraiser netted \$1300 for the Jamisa C. Lewis Memorial Scholarship. The winner in the fundraising category was Coach Schoen, and the fan favorite with Best Beard was Mr. Kibler



Coach Vick



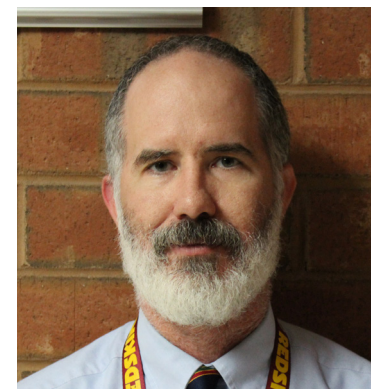
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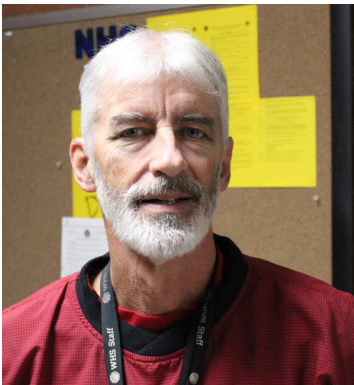
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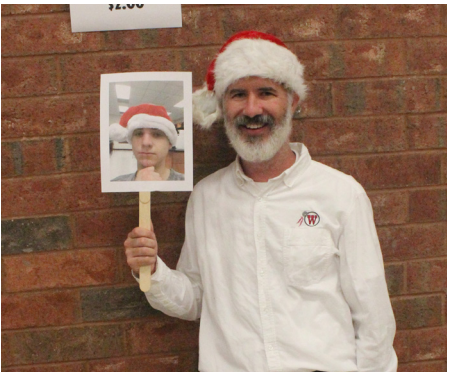
NO SHAVE NOVEMBER CONCLUDES



Above: Male faculty members pose with their beards at the end of November. Photos by JD Tucker



Mr. Kibler and Mr. Meyer posed as Santa for pictures during lunch. A student even sent in a picture to pose with Mr. Kibler.



ROBOTICS CLUB BUILDING THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

By Josh Ford

The Robotics Club is in their first year of existence. The club advisor, Drew Dozier, is hoping for a lot of willing kids that will be around for a while to join and also advisors.

“It’s pretty complicated and there’s a lot of rules that go along with it so the more experience that we get with it, the better. Because right now I don’t even know, I’m learning on the fly trying to learn all the rules and what we have to do for the last couple months. Trying to get that younger crowd.”

Right now the club can’t do as much since the robot kit is coming on January 6, but the excitement for the competition that they are competing in on February 28 through March 3 is huge for some of the members.

“I’m really excited for the competitions,” Olivia Welsh (10), said. “I’m really interested to see where this will go and just meet all the kids.”

Stephen Russell (10), is new to robotics and is anticipating the designing of the robot.

“I’ve never done anything like it before. The whole process of even wiring the electronics and stuff, knowing what goes into a good robot, that’s all new to me,” Stephen said. “I know I’m going to major in engineering in college, so I saw it as a way to learn and introducing myself to electronics.”

Russell added that he did use Legos and Lincoln Logs when he was a kid so he has that aspect of experience, but he knows he still has ways to go saying, “I haven’t had much experience

personally but I know some of the other kids have done robotics stuff before.”

The wait for the kit is a long process. Teams that have been around longer have to wait until Waccamaw gets the kit and everyone will start building. The theme for the competition this year is Power Up, a retro video game theme. Mr. Dozier is trying to get the club ready for their short, six week window of time to build the robot and the competition at Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

“It’s important to make sure we’re organized now and while we don’t have much do currently, we know we’ll have our hands full once January comes. Then we get the robot back after that so we can mess around and do some stuff and practice and prepare for next year. That’s why it’s important because it’s a very short window that you actually get to work on and build at so you want everybody to be more experienced, the kids I get this year, that’ll continue to get better.”

Welsh said that Mr. Dozier was the reason she joined robotics saying that, “He’s my best friend.”

“I think it’s important to learn mechanics and all that and know how to use tools. Kaleb [Pieterse] (another member of the club) didn’t even know what a wrench was before he joined robotics club. So it’s important to know tools and know how to be a handy person and fix your own things.”

The robotics club meets on Wednesdays after the high school day ends.

"21 GUARANTEED WAYS



By Brooklyn Miller
Photos by Brooklyn Miller

The Waccamaw High School Acting Troupe, also known as WHAT, performed their first production of the 2017-18 school year called “21 Ways Guaranteed to Get Detention”. Ms. Virginia Messinger and Jade Malone directed Production. The play was about the superintendent putting a limit on the amount of detentions the school could give out. The limit was 20 detentions in one year and the school managed to give their 20 detentions in one day to the weirdest, worst behaved, and most obnoxious kids in the school.

The most rewarding thing about the production for Ms. Messinger was “seeing the students work on something that they are proud of.” Sophomore, Ella Steuer, who played Cindy, also added “learning to work as a team and building relationships, being expressive, and learning to push yourself and go out of your comfort zone.” Erin Sheppard felt she was “able to come out of [her] shell in a way.”

Ms. Messinger explained she “wanted to teach drama because I love acting and the skills that you can build in drama.” The members of the acting troupe have various reasons for joining. Ariel Lindsey joined “because I want to go into acting as a back-up career and I always wanted to be in high school plays.” Morgan Cribb just wanted “to see what it's about.” For others, it seemed like it would be fun, or was an attempt at a new challenge.

For students considering joining Drama, Matthew McCants encourages them to do so. He

TO GET DETENTION"

says, "they should because it's fun and everyone gets along." Ella Steuer recommends you "join if you're 100% dedicated, be 100% involved, and be expressive and work hard." Rebecca Schmidt urges students to join because "it is really fun and a good experience. Be ready to commit when you join."

Ms. Messinger's inspiration is her grandmother's support from when she was younger. Ella Steuer says she was inspired by herself, because she has "always liked acting". Erin Shepard's inspiration is her "brother" who "was in drama when he was in high school". Erin "wanted to continue his legacy in a way". Matthew McCants says Ms. Messinger and Kaciyah Rook inspire him. The WHAT is very proud of their performance and hopes for more positive productions.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Donnasha Wright-Wragg: Against All Odds

By Kayleigh Rhodes



Donnasha with her family. Photos provided by Donnasha Wright-Wragg

Donnasha Wright-Wragg has attended Waccamaw schools since she was in kindergarten, back in 2006. Donnasha's favorite thing about Waccamaw is "all the people. I get to make them laugh just for no reason." Donnasha is involved in Delta Gems, Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol, and Teach My People and has currently logged over 2,000 volunteer hours. After graduating, she plans on attending Greenville Technical College to earn an Associate's degree in Human Services, then transfer to Anderson University to eventually pursue a Master's degree in Sociology and

Social Work. Her biggest inspiration is her older sister, Myaisha Wright, who currently attends Greenville Technical College.

Along with JaQuala Robinson, Donnasha was recently awarded the "Against All Odds" award by the South Strand Optimist Club. This award is given out annually and students are nominated by a teacher or faculty member. According to Mrs. Tucker's nomination letter, Donnasha is working really hard to succeed. "Now she is on time and ready for school each day, has improved daily", says Mrs. Tucker.



Donnasha showcases her sense of humor

Mrs. Minkin, who is in her second year of teaching Donnasha added that "she is always smiling or making me laugh. She's very light-hearted, but she is fun to teach and makes class more enjoyable."

Donnasha, who recently won first runner-up for Homecoming Queen this fall, has made quite an impact on her peers while here. She encourages students to remember that "you never know what someone is going through, so either leave them alone or make them laugh!" As she approaches the end of her senior year, she, no doubt, has left a



Donnasha poses while on vacation in Chicago

footprint behind because of her energy, and willingness to be involved.

Her family will welcome a new baby in February



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Ella Grace Bodie signs with Belmont Abbey



Photo Courtesy of Waccamaw ABC

Ella Grace Bodie signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her lacrosse career at Belmont Abbey University in Belmont, NC. Ella Grace has played lacrosse here at Waccamaw for 4 years. She becomes the first member of the girls lacrosse team to earn a scholarship to play.

Coach Flewelling describes her as a "team leader. The girls love her and look up to her." Flewelling also praised Bodie's athleticism. In addition to lacrosse, Bodie was also a dancer for 12 years when she was younger.

Briley Arnold signs with North Greenville



Photo by Sean Kelley

Briley Arnold signed her National Letter of Intent to run track and field at North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC. During her time at Waccamaw High School, Briley has compiled quite the resume. Among those highlights include three time Toast of the Coast Athlete of the Year, ten time state champion, and being a member of three state championship teams.

Coach Peterman touted, "you're probably not going to find anyone in these hallways that have more state championship titles than her." He describes her with "a tremendous heart, tremendous athlete, hard worker." His glowing remarks did not stop there. Coach Peterman discussed the different types of people you'll meet in life. He explained, "some people are rare and amazing and bring out the best in you, and make you feel like this is what life is really all about, and Briley is one of those types of people." He wishes he had "five girls like her and five guys like her and Waccamaw would probably win the state title every year."

Information compiled from Waccamaw ABC Facebook

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students win Fire and Life Safety Expo contest



Information provided by Coach Peterman

Each year, the Horry Georgetown Fire Chiefs Association partners with the Sun News to offer a poster art and creative writing contest. This year's theme was Every Second Counts- Plan 2 Ways Out! Winners are selected by category and grade level.

Lauren Amerson won with her submission in the 9th-12th grade Poster Art category. Luke Montenery won the 9th-12th grade essay category with his creative writing piece.

Winners pictured with their trophies and plaques. L-R Coach Peterman, Lauren Amerson, Luke Montenery, Mr. Bethea

Students win Against All Odds Award



The South Strand Optimist Club selected its four students to be named winners of the 2017 "Against All Odds" program, which is sponsored by the Georgetown County Sherriff's Office. The winners get a \$100 check, a copy of their nomination letter, and a certificate of accomplishment. According to Jim Joyce, "the purpose of the program is to recognize students who, through an extremely difficult situation, have overcome disadvantages and excelled in academics and extracurricular activities."

Donnasha Wright-Wragg and JaQuala Robinson were the two award winners from Waccamaw High School this year. The award comes with a stronger meaning for these two, as their close friend, Jamisa Lewis, won it last year. To win the

JaQuala Robinson and Donnasha Wright-Wragg pose at the Optimist Club meeting. Photo by Dr. Chadwell

same award as her best friend, JaQuala felt it "carried out her legacy." JaQuala and Donnasha are heavily involved in many clubs here on campus. Both students have had such success in the classroom and in their various activities that the award is very well-deserved.

WRESTLING CONTINUES TO GAIN EXPERIENCE

By Hunter Lane, Information and photos by Chris Sokoloski, South Strand News

Waccamaw High School's wrestling team picked up region wins over Georgetown and Aynor on Dec. 6. The Warriors beat the Bulldogs 60-18 and the Blue Jackets 48-30. The Georgetown match started with two losses, but the Warriors then won four straight matches. Trey Davis, Jackson Clemons, Thomas Cook, Julian Heyward, Mateen Jahanbakhsh, Hunt Grafe (forfeit), and Joe Gullo all had wins against Georgetown.

This year's Waccamaw squad has a half dozen experienced juniors and seniors, and a half dozen newcomers. "That's made practice real challenging," Cook said. "You want to give the experienced guys what they need but you can't leave the rookies behind. ... I've really stressed to the veteran guys that (they've) got to wrestle with them every day." Waccamaw hosts Conway and Timberland on Dec. 13, and travels to Socastee on Dec. 15 and Carolina Forest on Dec. 16. Coach Cook says that over Christmas break, he hopes to just get his wrestlers in shape and get experience.



CHEER FINISHES STRONG

By: Abi Luquire



The team poses after a 9th place finish at the State Championship at Colonial Life Arena.

The Waccamaw High School Cheer Team has been bringing in many victories throughout their competitive season. On their way to state, they took home a total of three first place wins, finishing ninth out of sixteen at their competition at the Colonial Life Arena, in Columbia. Ryleigh Carnahan, who cheers on varsity, said that next year, “everyone needs to be focused on one goal and to constantly improve and make things harder next season,” in order to be more successful next year.

Janie Morris, who also participates on Varsity cheer, said her favorite part about competing is, “the energy on the floor while performing.” After putting in work during practices for competition, they are getting ready to transition into a fast paced basketball season. Carnahan also said she is “pumped” for basketball to be starting up, and “can't wait to see what the boys and girls are going to do this season, and see all the work they are putting in on the court.”

Top photo courtesy of Waccamaw ABC Facebook

Right photo courtesy of Coach McClellan



Cheerleaders pose in front of Bank of America stadium before cheering at the pregame of the ACC Championship

GIRLS BASKETBALL GAINS MOMENTUM WITH WIN

By Jasmine Hazel, photos by Lizzie Moore

The five players on the court are like the five fingers on our hand. The players work together to reach one goal: winning. Each player must understand the strengths and weaknesses of their teammate in order to play efficiently. The athletes have a specific role in order to make each play work. Aleah Bromell, center for the Lady Warriors, believes that her position is greatly beneficial because she not only "blocks and rebounds," but she also protects the goal from all other opponents. Bromell also stated that, "winning is a primary goal, but working harder and harder is the ultimate goal to achieve." Kayla Benson, a power forward for the team, says that her job, "putting up layups and scoring key shots," is crucial to helping her team move forward in the game. The girls have played together prior to being on the



varsity team, and both share the passion for the sport. Their teammate, Kayla Thomas, junior, is playing on the varsity team for the second year. She is a small forward, which means she is responsible for making layups and stopping opponents at the basket. Thomas has continuously contributed to her team's progress by "pushing hard in practice and working diligently" to achieve the win. After beginning the season on a rough start, the warriors have reached the eye in their hurricane. The Lady Warriors defeated the Lady Yellow Jackets on December 13 with a final score of 45-43, winning in the last 5 seconds. The warriors fought aggressively to the end and Coach Smith stated that, "the win last night really boosted the confidence of the girls- the amount of energy on the floor was prodigious." One senior, Aaliyah Thomas, stated that it "means the world to her" to be able to return to the team this year. She is one of the few seniors that has returned to play for the last time, and stated that she is "ready to take on the responsibility of helping her teammates by leading them just as the previous seniors lead us." The team, along with Coaches Smith and Brown, will go on to play Lake City, after the Christmas break, on January 9.



BOYS BASKETBALL PREPARES FOR LOADED REGION SCHEDULE

By Kayleigh Rhodes

The Waccamaw High School boys' varsity basketball season has officially kicked off and they are hard at work pushing the limits previously set last year.

Leader of the Warrior basketball team for over five years, Coach Quinn believes in his team. Coach Quinn, who took his team all the way to Lower State to play against Bishop England last season, says, "we will be very prepared like we are every year. Our region is loaded with talent from top to bottom."

He also says in order to excel in region the boys need to "take better care of the basketball and stop having over 20 turnovers a game."

Ty'shaun Richardson, the starting point guard, appreciates his teammates. He describes his team "like a family," and says "we don't give up."



With hopes of taking their journey farther than last year, Quinn says he hopes to see his boys "play smart, play hard, play together every time we step on the court, and good things will come our way."

With intense planning and strategy, the team feels prepared to have an amazing season.



Top: Connor Heimberger fights his way through his opponents to score for his team.

Right: Hassan Holmes drives through a lane of defenders to go up for a layup.

Left: Reggie Keith looks for an opening as he manages the ball against a Creek Bridge defender.

Photos credit: Chris Sokoloski of South Strand News



Special Olympics

By Rachel Moore, Photos courtesy of Mr. Nettles

November 10-12, Austin Brann, a student in Mrs. Tester's Life Skills class, traveled to Greenville, SC, along with other coaches and athletes to compete in the South Carolina Special Olympics Fall Games. On November 10th, everyone arrived in Greenville and gathered for the Opening Ceremony. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were held at the TD Center in Greenville.

On Saturday, November 11th, all of the athletes competed. Austin Brann competed in individual golf skills. Some of those skills included putting, chipping, and driving. He earned a Gold Medal. After competing, the athletes traveled to the Olympic Village. Later that evening, athletes attended the closing ceremonies and a dance. Congratulations to Austin on his Gold Medal!



MEDIEVAL TIMES

By Amber Grimes, Photos by Mr. Nettles and Mrs. Minkin

On November 3, Mrs. Tester's Life Skills class, along with Mrs. Minkin's English IV classes attended a show at Medieval Times to learn about chivalry. After several scenarios acted out by the cast to show chivalry in action, everyone had lunch. The knights then competed in a tournament.



MORE THAN JUST SPEAKING

By Joshua Ford

Speech and debate is for everyone. It can help with many things along the journey of life. For Jules Steffen (10), it's to help her reach her dreams of journalism.

"A lot of schools that take journalism majors have an interest in people that can eloquently speak and recite. It involves a lot of interviewing and a lot of talking, just performing in the first place."

Jules performs in many categories including dramatic interpretation (DI), pros, which is a cutting or shortening of a book, kiddy lit (kid literature), and impromptu speaking. She says her favorite is dramatic interpretation.

"When you walk down the halls that are performing dramatic interpretation, you can hear the screaming and the wailing and it's kind of painful. But, it's a lot of fun to perform because you get to create a type of feeling. It's enjoyable."

Hannah Martin (10), does drama and declamation. Her preparation for a piece is lengthy.

"Well to prepare for it you have to cut the piece yourself," Hannah said. "You find one that you like or from a play and you have to cut that down to a 10 minute performance time and then you have to memorize that and you have to emotionally prepare for it and block it.

You have to connect."

The team seems to have a great connection according to Jules and Hannah.

"I would like to think that we share a very close bond," Hannah said. "I've been with these kids since last year too and so all of us have become close friends."

"Teammates also offer comments and ideas," Jules said. "A lot of times me and Hannah will FaceTime or me and Megan [Stackhouse] will FaceTime overnight and go over our pieces. We'll go out in the halls and we'll work. It's mostly constructive criticism."

Jules also said that Mrs. Lawson, the coach of speech and debate, has a lot of helpful criticism.

"She does quite a bit of forceful direction.





She gives us ideas, corrects our posture, corrects our form, corrects the way we're saying things, and then kind of slowly melds us into what she knows is going to be the best scoring performance."

Mrs. Lawson said that she brings the kids along step by step and having them function as a team works out well.

"It tends to be that they join the class because they want to join the team. They want to get better at public speaking. We start them out with small pieces and we start pushing them. And the kids will take them and work with them one-on-one and polish things before I ever see them. A head coach can be intimidating. But whereas somebody who is a sophomore, isn't as scary to the freshman. So we get there step by step and piece by piece."

Top: Competitive Speech members enjoy one another's company at their Christmas breakfast at Litchfield Diner.
Left: Competitive Speech members show off their shirts on team shirt day.
Photos courtesy of Mrs. Lawson

Jules' goal for the year is to, "First of all, to rank in DI. Just because it's a huge category and there's usually 80 contestants per tournament, which doesn't sound like a lot but it is a lot when you look at the score sheets. To rank in DI and to again get another first in kiddy lit."

Hannah says that she wants to place in her drama piece and, "Just to grow more as a performer."

Hannah also shared her favorite part about speech and debate being, "The first tournaments are always the best. Everyone is really excited to start the new year and have new pieces."

Jules says her favorite part has been the team dynamic, "Because being around the people that have the same interests that push you to do better. Even though it's not a physical sport, mentally it's helpful. Also tournaments. Tournaments are a lot of fun."

Sailing is more than a sport

By Joshua Ford, Photos by Charles Swenson

With a slight breeze, a crisp temperature of 68 degrees, and an eagle flying overhead as the sun set, the environment at Hazard's Marina in Georgetown was perfect for sailing.

Sailing is more than a sport. For some, it's a pastime activity, for others it's a way to get closer to the water. Whatever the reason, people participate in the Waccamaw sailing team, they all understand one thing. The rules of sailing. Head coach, Bruce Watts has been Waccamaw's sailing coach for two years and he's very proud of the way the team has grown.

"There's a lot of rules out there, a lot of rules and engagement in sailing," coach Watts said. "It's like a chess game, but it's a lot of strict rules and a lot of penalties and penalties are costly. Learning the rules and also staying with it. Because the guys in front of you might be a better sailor than you, but if you stick with it, there's a real good chance he's going to mess up. Just staying with it, that's what they're doing."

Sailing competitions are called regattas. In regattas, there are seven or eight heats that fleets race in. There are two fleets per team and each boat has two sailors in it, one of them being a skipper, or team captain. The starting line is an imaginary line on the water. The ends of the line are designated by a mark on the water.

A horn, gun, flashing lights, or a flag will signal ten minutes before the start of a race; then a five minute gun or a three minute gun and then a starting gun.

During a race, boats aren't allowed to make physical contact with other boats, unless they have the right of way. Watts has had plenty of damage done to the boats the team shares with Coastal Carolina University.

"We have four sailing [boats] right now," coach Watts said. "We have eight boats together





but the other four boats are all busted. Even though the kids are good sailors, the boats take abuse. They take abuse from all of the schools.”

In order to prepare for regattas, practice has to have that same type of intensity. Watts makes sure that every practice is like a regatta and the sailors understand why.

“We’re going to go out and set marks and the marks that we set are going to be the same marks they set at a regatta,” coach Watts said. “We might shorten it or elongate it, but it will be the same thing and we’re going through the same rules and races, calling through the infractions on each other. So they’re racing every time they go out.”

Ella Smith (10), is a team captain and she knows that every day will be different.

“Toughest part is not knowing what the weather will bring at regattas,” Smith said. “Practice helps with certain situations that come up in regattas because every regatta is different.”

The wind is what fuels the c420 boats that the team uses. Wind dictates just about everything in sailing. Watts was pointing out areas at a practice where the wind had the most effect on the water while the team was doing a drill called bloodbath. A bloodbath is where the sailors have to be patient because they are going from mark to mark in a certain amount of time in a circular pattern. Usually the fastest boat will get too excited and cross the finish mark too soon when they actually have to complete more laps. The boat with the inside leverage has the advantage because the outside one will have to work

its way around the other boat and the buoys in the water.

“The wind is a real strange thing. The wind works with water temperature, water currents, bends around trees and stuff,” coach Watts said during a practice. “The slick spots [in the water] are no wind. What creates that is mostly thermal. Look how much the wind changes the texture of the water. That’s in racing, like in small races like this, the texture of the water in lake racing and all, that’s big.”

Coach Watts recalled the time he was racing co-captain, Noah Benton.

“I was racing him in Rockville Regatta in Charleston. I was 100 yards out in front of him, and the wind shifted and he read it and I didn’t read it and he slipped over to the side of the channel of [Soto River] and smoked right past me. I used every profane word in sailing and it didn’t work.”

Once all the rules in sailing are figured out, sailing becomes second nature and the sailors get more relaxed. Jake Birchmeier (10), loves to be out on the water which takes his mind off of his busy school schedule.

“I’ve been pre-occupied with school,” Birchmeier said. “I don’t have anything Saturday, so after school I just go to sailing and when I come back, I do my homework. Everything fits into the weekly schedule.”

Birchmeier also feel that the bond of the team is very friendly, “Everyone here is friendly. [With] some people here it’s like a brotherly bond like with my friend Zach Rosenburg. I’ve known him for a very long time, and it’s a very close bond between me and my other teammates.”



This year has been very productive for Waccamaw. In a recent regatta in North Carolina, their A Fleet got second place.

“They’re doing terrific. I’m very proud of them. Last year we were racing in the fleets and were showing up in seventh, eighth, ninth, 10th, 11th, place. But this year, they’re pulling in first places. Just about anytime they go somewhere they’re getting a first place heat,” coach Watts said. “We’ve got new sailors that they’re new to it. Not as experienced as the other ones just a little more daring. They’re showing up.”

Their most experienced sailor would be senior Noah Benton who has been sailing for five years. Benton is also a team captain and takes pride in his responsibilities.

“I always talk to everybody on the team,” Benton said. “Make sure they’re in the right mindset, make sure they know how to approach every situation on the water because every regatta is different. I make sure everything on the boats are properly arranged. I try to give a sort of miniature lesson.”

“It’s a lot, because it’s easy to learn [but] hard to master. So I’m trying to make sure everybody out here is mastering it,” Benton said. “It’s hard to teach them every little nuance that I know but I do the best I can.”

Benton, Birchmeier, and Smith all enjoy the water and how they can get their minds off school. Watts knows the camaraderie the team has and lets them sail for as long as time allows them. “For a bunch of young adults I think we’re doing good. Nobody has been fighting. They’re all willing to go out and get sodas afterwards because there’s a lot of calling out rules in sailboats,” coach Watts said. “Watching them race, I did a lot of racing when I was young, watching them race makes it feel like I’m in every race with them. It’s a lot of fun. I’m right there in it.”

BAND SHARES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By Joshua Ford

The band had a full plate during November and December. They had their fall concert on November 7, they performed in the Georgetown Christmas Parade on December 2, had their annual pancake breakfast with the band last Saturday, and the winter concert on December 14. Band director Mrs. Randall says her favorite thing that the band does is the pancake breakfast.

“It makes my heart full. It’s like a big family, community event and that’s why it’s my favorite. And you get to see the little ones, the beginners play all the way through 12th grade.”

With the younger kids playing in front of the older kids at the breakfast, Mrs. Randall says that the high school kids do an amazing job teaching the younger ones because some of them give private lessons.

“I’ve had all of these kids, they’re all mine. So when they start in sixth grade, the kids that are now teaching, took lessons when they were in sixth grade. It’s a program I came up with so that the kids can make a little bit of money and that helps the high school kids. And then the young ones look up to them and they want to stay in band to play like them. It’s a win-win.”

Hannah Miller (12), feels like she’s grown a lot this year and says that tutoring, “Teaches [the] tutor patience and allows the person an opportunity to become better. Also provides new connections for both people.”

Hunter Cline, a senior who is the Drum Major of the marching band, recalls the feeling he had on the field when the band found out they were making it to state at the lower state finals in Columbia.

“It made me feel great. It made me feel pretty good. It felt good leading my band to state after

two years of not making state,” Hunter said. “I don’t know if there was a recording of me, but whenever we found out I grabbed the trophy and looked and I [pumped my fist]. It just felt like a big weight on my chest just fell off.”

Hannah said that Hunter, “Grew a lot this year and did the band justice.”

Mr. Graham, the band director alongside Mrs. Randle was impressed with how Hunter did as Drum Major saying, “His approach to leadership, leading by example, his enthusiasm and energy have been overwhelmingly wonderful to everyone.”

Hunter also shared about her favorite part of band.

“Meeting the new kids and getting to hang out with the old kids.”

Mrs. Randall says that making it to state was her favorite part of the marching band season as well. With the marching band season over, Hunter now has a lot more free time than he’s used to.

“I get a lot more free time. It’s just empty. I don’t have a lot of stuff to do anymore. But it’s just the stress has gone away.”

Preparing for concerts are important in band. Hunter having been in the band for seven years



knows what it takes. For him, it's simple.

"Usually just practice in the band room. I won't go home and practice my music. I just practice with the band."

"We just finished one at the middle school in the second week in November so we've had a few weeks to work on it and we always look forward to the holiday concert," Mrs. Randall said. "It takes a lot of work and concentration."

Hunter said that the bond among band members is very close and family-like saying, "We have our drama every now and then but most of the time we have each other's backs."



J.O.Y. UNIVERSITY

By Amber Grimes, Photos by Mr. Nettles

On Oct. 24, Mrs. Tester's Life Skills class traveled to Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church to have lunch with J.O.Y. University. J.O.Y. stands for Jesus, Others, Yourself. J.O.Y. University is a school program for special needs adults who have aged out of the school system. Many of Waccamaw High School's alumni attend the program. The students enjoy eating lunch and socializing with one another.



CHORUS SETS TONE FOR CHRISTMAS

By Joshua Ford

Chorus finished their 2017 performances with a winter concert and a trip to the Carolina Opry. Sophie Bensch (10), thought that the winter concert went “Really good.”

“Everything went really well. We didn’t mess up anything at all, I don’t think.”

Ashley Altman (12), says her favorite part of the concert was, “Making everyone happy and in the Christmas mood. I love when all the classes come together to make moving music.”

Mrs. Plyler, the choral director, tells the chorus to sing from the heart.

“You can sing the notes all day long and words. But, if you’re not singing with some passion, the passion of what it’s about and the work you’ve done. There has to be some emotional side of things that takes any group on stage over the top. It becomes bigger than each individual.”

There are many responsibilities each member of the chorus has. In the winter concert, the middle school choir was performing with them and Mrs. Plyler strives for the high school chorus to set a good example.

“These younger kids look up to the older kids. Whether it’s freshmen to seniors, middle school to high school, and again you’re responsible to them. So how you look at them, the way you say hello to them, how they treat them when they perform all of that, you’re responsible for. When you’re older you’re responsible,” Mrs. Plyler said. “The more you have the more you’re responsible for. So they just did an amazing job. I think anything we do together builds the program, it builds the kids individually,



and I love doing things like that with them. Because it gives them something to strive for to think, ‘ooh I want to be a part of that.’ I think it’s really important. They did a good job.”

Sophie echoes the words of Mrs. Plyler saying, “One of the things that we all try to do is when they come (they being the middle and intermediate school), we’ll be really supportive and smile and say you’re going to do a job and stuff like that.”

“I have to set an example for the freshman and be a leader,” said Ashley. “I do this by focusing on the task at hand and listening to Mrs. Plyler.”

Mrs. Plyler stresses the importance of opportunities to the chorus when they get ready to perform.

“This opportunity never comes again. Never. Never will you have this moment, with this music, with these people, and everything that even entails to do it and to offer that gift. So you have to go outside yourself and unselfishly go, ‘I’m going to give everything that I have,’ and make sure that when these people walk out the door they’re like ‘wow, thank you.’ It has to be about the audience. I tell them, ‘When



you're feeling bad or whatever is going on, when you put your mind on others first, it's amazing how it makes you feel better.' It just does ... It makes all the difference in the world and how they perform and how they see what they're doing."

At the end of the winter concert, Mrs. Plyler was handed a bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Plyler was very thankful and proud of the way the chorus showed their appreciation.

"It was bigger than the flowers, they were beautiful obviously and they're in a vase in my kitchen. But, bigger than that is just when you see your kids show appreciation, it's not even about me," Mrs. Plyler said. "But, it also makes me happy to know that they're maintain that quality of character to know to never forget from which you come, from who've you've been trained by."

Mrs. Plyler, when talking about the flowers, then thought of her son who graduated college and he never forgot those who helped him out.

"My youngest son Greg, he graduated Clemson last year. When he started, it was really tough having enough money to get through the year and stuff. There was this wonderful lady that just loved him to death and encouraged him to follow his dreams and all this stuff and just different things,

she was just always behind him and here he is now and he's graduated, excelled, and done so well and I keep saying, never forget where you came from.' When he came into town, he's now an engineer in Greenville, this was Thanksgiving, it was Saturday and I asked if he'd go with us, but he says, 'I'm going to go see Ms. Ann.' I said 'absolutely. You go.' He was remembering. She's an older woman, it's not necessarily about being older but it's so important to never forget who has supported you. That just makes my heart happy to know that they know how to be appreciative for what they're given. It made me happy. Again I love my students beyond measure."

Sophie said of the energy of the audience at the concert that, "Just having everybody work with us and be happy to be there, makes us happier to be there, makes us want to sing and smile for you guys."



LOCAL BUSINESS

Pawleys Pediatrics and Adult Medicine



PAWLEYS PEDIATRICS & ADULT MEDICINE

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The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program (The University of Texas-Dallas)	11/02/2017 Priority 1/3/2018	Merit Award-See website for details	Full Ride with additional benefits	www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott
CDCA Mobile App Competition	Letter of Intent Form Due 10/27/17 APP submission 11/15/2018	Submit letter of Intent, create Mobile App and short description, write about difficulties faced in creation of app, share improvements you would make in a 2.0 version of your app	varies	http://charlestondca.org/CDCAMAC
Kittie Moss Fairey Educational Fund Scholarship	1/15/2018	High school seniors, SC residents, planning to attend 4 year college in SC, 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale, minimum SAT 1100 or ACT 26, adjusted household gross income \$40,000 or less	varies based on need	www.csascholars.org
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WACE Scholarship	2/15/2018 **some deadlines are earlier for certain intstitutions	Students must apply to partner institutions (list is available online and on paper application)	up to \$6,000 per year	www.waceinc.org
Key Scholarship (Education Unlock Your Potential) (Coastal Carolina University OR Francis Marion University)	2/18/2018	Students planning to attend Coastal Carolina University or Francis Marion University	\$1,000	Application in Guidance or online at www.carolinatrust.org and www.htcinc.net

Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary Lodge Scholarship	3/10/2018	Graduating Student who is well-rounded, applicant interviews in April	\$1,000	Application in Guidance
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Pawleys Island Lions Club Scholarships	Due to Guidance by 03/24/2018	community service, leadership	\$1,500	Application in Guidance
ADK	3/31/2018	Seniors planning to major in Education	\$500	Application in Guidance
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School Year 2017-2018

Dear WHS Warrior Friend,

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone and it is time to begin planning for what promises to be a successful 2017-2018. Waccamaw High School's Parent, Teacher, and Student Association, a.k.a. **WAVE (Warriors Advocating and Volunteering for Education)** is challenged with the goal of raising \$20,000 from our community for the upcoming school year. **WAVE is the only WHS fundraising organization whose sole purpose is the enhancement of the academic environment.** That is why your help and support of the WHS students and teachers is crucial.

Thanks to the gracious support of past **WAVE Business Partners**, several key improvements were made during the 2016-2017 school year, including, but not limited to:

- 6 SAT/ACT Workshops for all WHS Students
- Literature books for both AP and CP classrooms
- Replaced multiple teacher desk chairs
- Contributed funds for new sound system in the gym
- New Student Registration Packets
- Contribution to the Speech and Debate Team National Tournament
- Contributions to Student Council
- Funded multiple professional workshops and accommodations for teachers and staff
- Purchased new Die Cutting Machine for staff
- Repaired message board
- Purchased teaching aids for science dept
- Funds to assist 2017 Graduation
- Over \$25,000 spent in the last year to support students, faculty and staff!

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Please see the sponsorship opportunities located on the back of this letter. For your convenience, WAVE is now accepting all major credit cards.

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