

# Weekly Warrior

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## Upcoming Events

**September 3:** Boys' and Girls' Cross Country—Eye Opener Invitational @ Roger Milliken Center in Spartanburg

**September 5:** Labor Day. School Closed.

**September 6:** Boys' and Girls' Swimming Vs. Myrtle Beach 5:00 pm @ Pepper Geddings Recreation Center

**September 6:** Varsity Volleyball Vs. Timberland/Carvers Bay 6:00 pm @ Timberland High School

**September 7:** 2016-2017 Senior Make-up Pictures in the WHS auditorium

**September 7:** College and Career Fair Ed-Op Day 10:00 am—1:45pm @ Howard gym

**September 7:** Girls' Tennis Vs. Academic Magnet (DH) 4:00 pm @ Academic Magnet High School

**September 7:** B-Team and JV Volleyball Vs. Carvers Bay 5:30 pm @ Carvers Bay High School

**September 8:** Girls Tennis Vs. Myrtle Beach 4:30 pm @ Stables Park Tennis Center

**September 8:** Open House For Parents—Teacher Meet & Greet 6:00-8:00 pm @ Waccamaw High School

## **PUT A LITTLE PEP IN YOUR STEP**

By Maddie Giarratano  
Pictures by E-P Vermont

The first pep rally of the year kicked off on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the fall sports teams and the first home football game of the season.

The band played as the underclassmen were called in by grade level. Following tradition, the seniors made their explosive entrance after all the other students were settled in the gym. They took their traditional run around the gym and met in the middle to do a chant. Once everyone was settled in their seats, the Choralaires sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and then the fall sports teams were announced. The teams included Girls' and Boys' Cross Country, Girls' and Boys' Swimming, Girls' Tennis, JV/Varsity Volleyball, Girls' Golf, Cheer Squad, and JV/Varsity Football. The cheerleaders were introduced before performing their routine. Then the seniors created a tunnel for the varsity football players to run through as their names were called. After the fall sports teams were announced, the traditional spirit stick was awarded to the grade level that showed the most school spirit. It was a close tie between the juniors and seniors, but the seniors won! To end the pep rally, the seniors gathered together for the traditional senior circle. As they ran in and out of the circle, the Waccamaw Alma Mater played in the background. Everyone was fired up and ready for the first home game of the season.

It was an exciting night! Waccamaw won the game with a final score of 19-17. Go Warriors!

See more pep rally pictures are on pg. 2 and details of the football game on pg. 4



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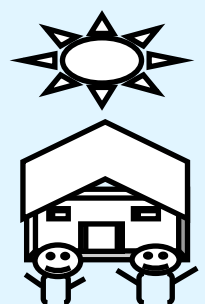
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## **OPEN HOUSE!**

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

6-8 PM

Come out and meet your child's teachers!



# FALL SPORTS TEAMS



Varsity Volleyball



JV Volleyball



Varsity Football



JV Football



Girls Cross Country



Boys Cross Country



Tennis



Swimming

\*Not all players and teams were in attendance.



# THIS WEEK'S TEACHER FEATURES

## Mrs. Minkin, English

By Ben Wolf, picture by E-P Vermont

Mrs. Minkin is one of Waccmaw's new English teachers and the new JV volleyball coach. She comes from Spartanburg where she taught at Boiling Springs High School. Mrs. Minkin graduated from Limestone University with a Bachelor's Degree in English and received a Masters in Educational Theory and Practice from Arkansas State University. Mrs. Minkin is married with two young children, a 3 year old and a 4 month old. In her spare time, Mrs. Minkin enjoys reading, running, and traveling. She chose to be a teacher because she realized that's where she belongs. Her goal this year is to become a better teacher than she ever was before. Welcome to the Waccamaw family!



## Mrs. Gonzalez, Foreign Language

By Georgia Mattar, picture by E-P Vermont

Mrs. Gonzalez is a new Spanish teacher at WHS. She is here through a program from Venezuela that allows her to teach in America for a few years to better learn our language and culture, so that she is able to go back to Venezuela and teach about America. Mrs. Gonzalez got her teaching degree at Carabobo University in Venezuela and has been teaching for 15 years. She is married and has a nine year old son. Mrs. Gonzalez has many interests including reading, cooking, going to the beach, and studying Astrology. She chose to teach because she believes it is her purpose in this world to make a difference. Her goal this year is to learn about American culture and bring some South American culture to Waccamaw! Welcome to the Waccamaw family!

## SENIORS

Makeup Picture Day

**\$25**

Last chance for a photo finish!

Sign up outside Mrs. Chadwell's door

**September 7th**

**Wednesday,  
September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**UNDERCLASSMEN**

**Picture Day**

in the WHS auditorium



Parents,

If your child leaves school early, he/she must have a parent note with a contact number for verification or an e-mail sent to [jsargent@gcsd.k12.sc.us](mailto:jsargent@gcsd.k12.sc.us) with a telephone number for verification.

# Fall Sports



## WARRIORS TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE SHARKS

By E-P Vermont, pictures by Maddie Giarratano

Last Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Waccamaw had their first home football game of the season. A huge crowd came out to support our varsity football team as they played 4A St. James. Waccamaw dominated the game in the first half led by junior running back Antrix Greene and senior LaDarius Taylor. Taylor scored two touchdowns, a 13-yard run in the first quarter and a 3-yard run in the second quarter and Waccamaw went 1-1 on the extra point. St. James managed to get on the board before the end of the half with a 26-yard field goal. At halftime, Waccamaw led the game 13-3. After the half, Waccamaw came out and scored again. James Alston scored a touchdown following a pass from Brandon Stecz allowing the lead to swell to 19-3. Still in the third quarter, the Sharks managed to break the Warriors defense to score a touchdown and a 2-point conversion bringing the score to 19-11. With 2:28 left in the game, the Sharks found the end zone again, reducing Waccamaw's lead to two points. With 52 seconds left on the clock, Waccamaw was penalized for being offside which pushed



the Sharks to just outside the one-yard line. To tie the game, St. James needed the 2-point conversion. A bad snap cost St. James their opportunity to tie the game. At the kick-off, St. James went for the onside kick but senior Dominic Gullo recovered the ball securing the win for Waccamaw. Coach Davis said, "I credit the players, I think they really worked hard for this game and to get this win is really big for our program." This win marks the football program's first victory over a 4A program in school history.

**GO  
WARRIORS!**

## BOYS' SWIM TEAM CREATES A BIG SPLASH IN THE RIPLEY'S INVITATIONAL

By Brecken Fox, picture by Ms. Elise Crosby

On Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, over 400 swimmers and 18 top teams throughout the Palmetto State met at Pepper Geddings Recreation Center in Myrtle Beach to compete in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ripley's Invitational. This invitational is the biggest event of the year in the swimming program. Swimmers took part in qualifying heats, and then in final races to determine the winner in 22 events.

Waccamaw posted the best overall finish for a local team on the boys' side, coming in second, three points behind Bishop England. The team includes Patrick Sullivan, Jonah Crosby, Sean King, John Grey Crosby, Michael Paglio, and Cameron Bonham. In team events, the relay team of Sullivan, J. Crosby, JG Crosby, and King took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 200 and 400 freestyle. In individual events, Sullivan won the 50-yard and 200-yard freestyle, and John Grey Crosby won the 100-yard freestyle. On the girls' team, Emma Sullivan placed second in the 500-yard freestyle. Great start to the season, Warriors!

The swim team's next meet is September 6<sup>th</sup> at Myrtle Beach.



Left to right: Coach Dear, John Grey Crosby, Sean King, Patrick Sullivan, and Jonah Crosby

## GIRLS' GOLF SEASON OPENER

By TJ Straight

Last weekend, August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, Caroline Lankford, Brianna Hammond, Lauren Maser, and Kyndra Patterson of the girls' golf team played at Diamondback GC in the Lady Blue Jacket Invitational in Loris. A field of sixteen teams competed in the Invitational. Lankford had the best score among the Waccamaw foursome, but the team didn't do as well in the two-day competition dropping to the bottom half of the field.

The girls' golf team's next match is September 12<sup>th</sup> against the Georgetown Bulldogs.

## WACCAMAW GIRLS BASKETBALL

There will be a meeting on  
**Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 in the WHS auditorium at 4:15 pm  
 for all girls that want to play  
**Varsity, JV, or B-Team Basketball.**

Make sure you have an  
 updated physical.

### Girls JV Tennis Schedule Head Coach: Kathy Henderson

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 1	Myrtle Beach	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 8	Myrtle Beach	Home	4:30 PM
Sept. 14	Low Country Day	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 19	Georgetown	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 26	Carolina Forest	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 27	Georgetown	Home	4:30 PM
Oct. 13	Carolina Forest	Home	4:30 PM

### Girls Varsity Tennis Schedule Head Coach: Mary Cannon \*\*Updated Schedule\*\*

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 29	Conway	Home	5:00 PM
Sept. 1	Myrtle Beach	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 7	Academic Magnet (DH)	Away	4:00 PM
Sept. 8	Myrtle Beach	Home	4:30 PM
Sept. 12	Conway	Away	5:00 PM
Sept. 15	Loris	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 19	Aynor	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 21	St. James	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 22	Georgetown	Home	4:30 PM
Sept. 26	Carolina Forest	Away	4:30 PM
Sept. 28	St. James	Home	4:30 PM
Oct. 3	Loris	Home	4:30 PM
Oct. 6	Aynor	Home	4:30 PM
Oct. 10	Georgetown	Home	4:30 PM
Oct. 13	Carolina Forest	Home	4:30 PM

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**Lead Guidance  
Counselor (K - Z)  
Mrs. Graham**

**Guidance  
Counselor (A - J)  
Mrs. Tucker**

**Guidance  
Secretary  
Mrs. Simmons**

**Guidance  
Assistant  
Ms. Smalls**



## America's Most Widely Accepted College Entrance Exam

### Reminder: All Juniors and Seniors

In order to attend a 4 year school you MUST take the ACT or SAT, preferably before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your Junior year. You may need to test a couple of times before you get your desired scores and this will give you time to boost those scores when you retake. You should have the scores you want by the beginning of your senior year. Colleges will not accept you without scores. Please check your college's webpage to see what scores you will need for that institution for admissions.

The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: english, mathematics, reading, and science.

The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Photo Upload Deadline
September 10, 2016	expired	expired	September 2, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016	October 14, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016	December 2, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017	February 3, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017	March 31, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017	June 2, 2017



Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration, Paper	Late Registration, Online and Phone
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 13, 2016	September 20, 2016
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 18, 2016	October 25, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	November 15, 2016	November 22, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	January 3, 2017	January 10, 2017
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 21, 2017	February 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 18, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 16, 2017	May 24, 2017

The SAT test measures students' basic knowledge of subjects they have learned in the classroom - such as reading, writing and mathematics - in addition to evaluating how they think, solve problems and communicate.

Many college admission offices use SAT scores to help them assess a student's academic preparedness for college. However, the most important factor in college admission is the students' high school transcript - both the grades received and the rigor of the courses. SAT scores are intended to supplement the student's record and other information, such as extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation.

**CELEBRITY WEEK**  
APRIL DATE ONLY Darren McGrady 'The Royal Chef' (2016)

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Have you signed up to take Foods & Nutrition II for the 2016-2017 school year?

How would you like to go to **Disney World** for 4 days for a cooking experience?

If you are interested, see Ms. Hossa or email her at [ahossa@gcsd.k12.sc.us](mailto:ahossa@gcsd.k12.sc.us)

\*Minimum of 9 students need to sign up. \*Fundraising opportunities will be available to offset the cost.

\*Eligibility will be determined at a later time.

1st deposit of \$150 due October 14, 2016; 2nd deposit of \$250 due December 12, 2016;

Remaining balance due by January 20, 2017



# September Birthdays



September 2  
 Alexis Fulmer  
 Jackson Tiller

September 3  
 Kaylan Daniels  
 Trent Kertzel

September 4  
 Camlin Cusack  
 Emma Gaskins

September 5  
 Banks Ward

September 6  
 Lillian Eddy  
 Emily Myers  
 Pierson Razzi

September 7  
 Madeline Canipe  
 Magdalyn Darden  
 Matthew McCants

September 8  
 Stephen Russell

September 9  
 Brenna Fanning  
 Danielle Gaddy  
 Hannah Lacy  
 Madeline Lanford  
 Bri Markle  
 Corey Savoie  
 Caleb Smith

September 10  
 MaTeen Jahanbakhsh  
 Juliana Verdusco-  
 Palomares

September 11  
 Jacquez Brown  
 Emma DeShaw  
 Ashanti Richardson

September 12  
 Gabe Bacerra  
 Elody Bensch  
 Julian Hays  
 Hollis Springer

September 13  
 Colby Eckard  
 Triston Finley  
 D'Avion Funnye  
 Riley Sollars

September 14  
 Malachi Grant  
 Alexandra Hill

September 15  
 Cole Dorn  
 Zary Gouin  
 Harrison Kemp  
 Spencer Kemp  
 Cole McCosh  
 Caleb Ratz  
 Emma Williamson

September 16  
 Miller Brinson

September 17  
 Kaitlyn Drexler

September 18  
 Deondre' Brown  
 Alexis Washington

September 19  
 Nichole Blankenship  
 Alana Flores  
 Ryon Fox  
 Grace Williams

September 20  
 Cameron Burgess  
 Emily Countess

September 21  
 Sam Arnold  
 Sam Averette  
 Nia Carr  
 Hasson Holmes

September 22  
 Cara Efir  
 Daniel Guy  
 Brady Lottchea

September 23  
 Jathan Bellemare  
 Noah Giltmier  
 Haley Porter  
 Holly Roe

September 24  
 Camryn Altman

September 25  
 Michael Golden  
 Shirey Quigley

September 26  
 William Brackett  
 Julianna Dunlap  
 Haileigh Gladfelder  
 Zachary Hill

September 27  
 Matthew Archer  
 Jequan Armstrong  
 David Clayton  
 Summer DeCaro  
 Jeremy Perritt

September 28  
 Jillian Campbell  
 Noah Feeney

September 29  
 Abbey  
 Brockman

September 30  
 Andrew Fusco  
 Kaylee Okun

## Teachers

September 7  
 Ms. Edgcomb

September 11  
 Ms. Flewelling

September 16  
 Mrs. Lawson

September 23  
 Ms. Cook

September 27  
 Mr. Vassallo  
 Mr. McAlister

