

# Weekly Warrior

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## Upcoming Events

- September 10:** Boys' & Girls' Cross Country Coaches Classic Invitational at Sandhills in Columbia
- September 10:** Boys' & Girls' Swimming WHS Invitational at Georgetown YMCA
- September 10:** Varsity Volleyball Sumter Invitational at Sumter High School
- September 11:** 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks
- September 12:** Girls' Golf Vs. Georgetown 4:30pm at Wedgefield Plantation
- September 12:** Girls' Tennis Vs. Conway 5:30pm at Stables Park Tennis Center
- September 13:** Boys' & Girls' Cross Country Vs. St. James/Myrtle Beach 4:30pm at St. James High
- September 13:** B-Team, J.V., & Varsity Volleyball Vs. Georgetown 5:00pm at home
- September 14:** Girls' Golf Vs. St. James 4:30pm
- September 15:** Girls' Tennis Vs. Loris 4:30pm at Loris High School
- September 15:** B-Team, J.V., & Varsity Football Vs. Loris 5:00pm at Loris High School
- September 15:** J.V. Football Vs. Hemingway 6:00pm at home
- September 16:** Varsity Football Vs. Hemingway 7:30pm at Hemingway High School

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## **THE VIRTUAL WORLD COMES TO LIFE AT WHS**

By Maddie Giarratano

This year, many WHS students ventured into the world of virtual education. The Georgetown County School District adopted the virtual online curriculum through a company called Fuel Education. Through FuelEd, students can take core classes online, but also take courses that are not offered in the district. Students are branching into different languages such as Mandarin and Japanese, exploring higher level technology classes, and taking courses that blend online with traditional instruction. Hunter Eddy, the Warrior Virtual Online Academy coordinator (former History teacher) hoped to get 150 to 175 students enrolled into virtual education courses this year. His expectations far surpassed that. Currently, of the 880 students at WHS, 365 students are taking a course online and a 100 are in blended learning classes. Some of the courses have teachers on site, but some are strictly virtual. Students are finding that they have to be self-disciplined and motivated. However, the students like the fact that they are able to work at home in their free time and work at their own pace. Jaquala Robinson is taking Spanish II Honors online this semester and will take Spanish III Honors online next semester. "I really enjoy the online class," says Robinson. "It's fairly easy and easy to stay on pace." Mr. Eddy said, "I am very excited about the opportunities that our online academy provides for our students and also for our teachers." For more information on the virtual online courses, visit the school website and look under Latest News. You can also talk to Mr. Eddy or your Guidance Counselor if you are interested in taking an online course.



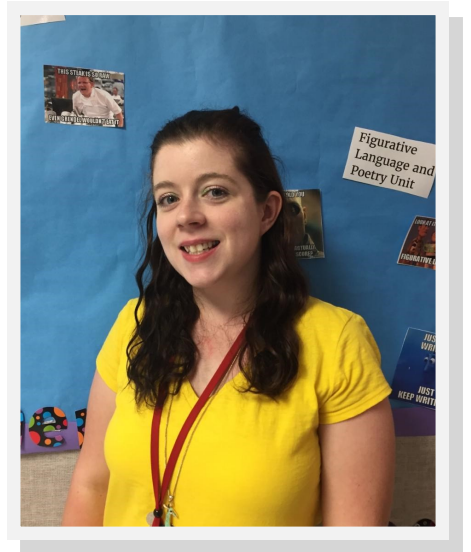
**Front to Back: Jaquala  
Robinson LaDarius Taylor,  
and Ryan De La Cruz**

# THIS WEEK'S TEACHER FEATURES

## Mrs. Messinger, English

By Maddie Giarratano

Ms. Messinger is starting her first year as the English II CP/H and English IV CP teacher and she interned at Waccamaw last year. She graduated from Coastal Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Master of Arts in Technology. She is from Conway, SC and is the youngest of three; she still lives in Conway with her dog, Penny. One of her interests includes Disney, and her favorite hobby is walking her dog. She chose to teach because she wants to help students find joy in English and have a better understanding of what it's really about. Her goal for this year is to have students understand that what you learn in the classroom applies to their life in the world. Welcome to the Waccamaw family!



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## Ms. Greck, Foreign Language

By Adison Marshall

Ms. Greck is the new French teacher at WHS, educating and encouraging students to learn the language. She is originally from Perpignan, France, then moved to New Caledonia, between Fiji and Australia. Ms. Greck earned a Bachelor's degree in Education in English and French, and an Associate degree in Spanish. She has been in education for eighteen years, teaching the languages French, Spanish, and English. Ms. Greck has only been in America for a month, and the last place she taught was in New Caledonia. She still has family in France. Ms. Greck loves to travel and learn about new cultures and languages, Mexico especially sparked her interest. Ms. Greck decided to teach when she stopped sailing and needed a new job. She was a substitute teacher, but did not think she would

enjoy it. Over time, she developed a passion for teaching. Ms. Greck's goals for this year are to adapt quickly to America, to have fun teaching French, and to have her students enjoy speaking it. Welcome to the Waccamaw family, Ms. Greck!

**This Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>,  
is the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Never forget the brave men and women who died that day.**



## WHS Student Body President shares leadership experience with the Student Leadership class

By Mekhi Robertson  
Picture by Hayden Rollins

Coach Quinn invited WHS Student Body President Raphael Ofendo Reyes to his first period Student Leadership class to talk to his students about his leadership camp experience that he went to this past summer at Anderson College. On Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Ofendo Reyes talked to the class about the camp's motto, which was "One week makes a difference." He said that the camp inspired him to think about a future political career. Quinn's students participated in a Q/A after his talk. Below are two of the questions asked.

Dillion Dixon- "Has camp inspired you to go pursue higher political positions and would you recommend someone with no prior experience to attend this camp?" Answer: "If anything the camp reassured my aspirations to become a future political leader and I totally recommend the camp for some with no prior experience. You walk out completely different than when you walk in."

Oshswany Armstrong- "You said that week was life changing. Did your parents see the change as well?" Answer: "My parents always said they saw something in me, but they feel the camp really amplified those qualities."

Coach Quinn said, "It was such a great way for the students to learn from their student body president about leadership. I look forward to bringing other guest speakers from in and outside our school to speak to my students about the many forms and styles of leadership."

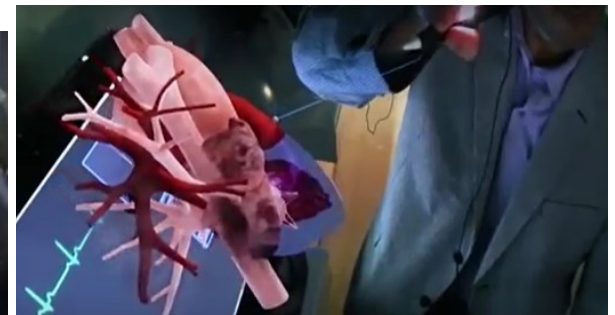


L to R: Oshswany Armstrong, guest speaker Raphael Ofendo Reyes, and Dillon Dixon. Armstrong and Dixon won snacks for asking the best questions.

## Students Experience Science in 3D

Article by Maddie Giarratano  
Pictures courtesy of Mr. Ray White

Several weeks ago, students had an opportunity to experience science through a virtual reality system. A 3D mobile lab came to Waccamaw and demonstrated the use of the 3D software created by zSpace. With 3D computer stations on board the mobile lab, the students were able to dissect plants and animals, get a deeper look into the human body, or tear down an engine using only VR glasses and a stylus. The glasses displayed images in 3D and the stylus controlled the image through pointing and clicking. Dr. Dozier, Superintendent of the Georgetown County School District, had seen this demonstration before and wanted to see the students reaction to the lab before considering investing in it. The students really enjoyed it.



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# Sports Action



Article by Brecken Fox, pictures courtesy of Waccamaw High School XC and Track and Field facebook page

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the boys' and girls' cross country team competed in the Eye Opener Invitational held in Spartanburg, S.C. The girls ran in the championship race against more than 280 other runners and 35 teams; they finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall. The boys' team finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the championship race out of 44 teams, and 372 other runners. The top 7 runners for the WHS girls' team were Annabelle Scully, Briley Arnold, Lillian Eddy, Madeline Francke, Ella Fata, Samantha Kelley, and Caroline Daniels. The top 7 runners for the WHS boys' team were Perrin Jones, Berndt Anderson, Rob Buffington, Jack Moody, Jonah Stump, Max Poole, and Bennett Stover. Scully led the girls' team with a time of 21:09.65 and Jones led the boys' team with a time of 17:52.51.



Annabelle Scully



Perrin Jones



## Swim Meet

By Ben Wolf

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, the swim team competed against Myrtle Beach, St. James, and North Myrtle Beach in the Myrtle Beach Invitational. Below are the results for Waccamaw.

<i>Boys' Results—1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall</i>	
Patrick Sullivan	1 <sup>st</sup> place in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle
John Grey Crosby	1 <sup>st</sup> place in the 50-yard freestyle
Sean King	1 <sup>st</sup> place in the 100-yard butterfly and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place in the 100-yard backstroke
Jonah Crosby	2 <sup>nd</sup> place in the 100-yard breaststroke
Michael Paglio	3 <sup>rd</sup> place in the 200-yard individual medley
Cameron Bonham	4 <sup>th</sup> place in the 200-yard individual medley
Boys relay team (Sullivan, JG Crosby, J. Crosby, King)	1 <sup>st</sup> place in the 200 and 400-yard freestyle relay
<i>Girls Results—4<sup>th</sup> Place Overall</i>	
Emma Sullivan	1 <sup>st</sup> place in the 200 freestyle
Victoria Marinoff	3 <sup>rd</sup> place in the 50 freestyle

## Great Season Opener for Girls Tennis



By Georgia Anne Mattar

The Waccamaws girls varsity tennis team beat Conway 8-0 on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The first match was played by the team's number one player, Kate Droseiko, who had a final score of 6-4, 6-3. The next win by number two player, Sassy Tolson, had a final score of 7-5, 6-0. Waccamaw's third player, Annie Reichert, won her match in a tiebreaker with a final score of 2-6, 6-3, 10-2. Tolson and Reichert also won their match as the number one doubles team. One of the best wins of the night was made by Abi Luquire (4) with a perfect score of 6-0, 6-0. This was followed by the number two doubles team, Mary Droseiko (7) and Haley Porter (8), who won with a score of 6-2, 6-2. The last singles game was won by McCalle Watson (5) with a score of 6-1, 6-1. The final doubles match was played by Georgia Anne Mattar (6) and Mary Catherine Horton (9), who had another perfect score of 8-0. This is a wonderful start to their season.

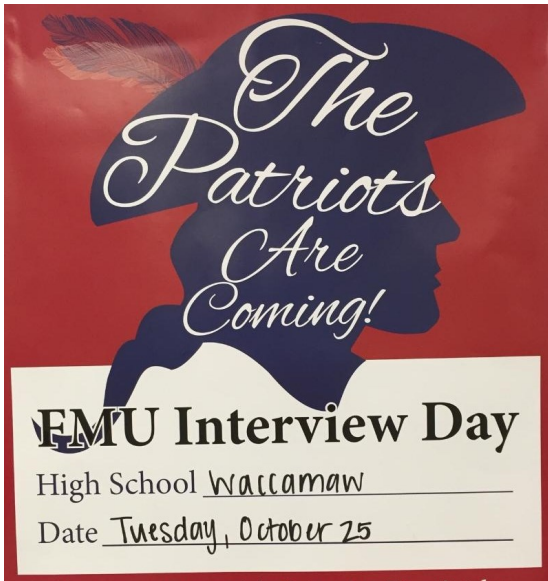
# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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

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

**Guidance  
Secretary**  
Mrs. Simmons

**Guidance  
Assistant**  
Ms. Smalls



## To reserve your spot for Interview Day, simply:

- ◆ Complete the FMU application and bring it with you—we'll even waive your \$39 application fee.
- ◆ Ask your Guidance Counselor to put you on the schedule.
- ◆ Bring your printed ACT and/or SAT score reports with you (scores are needed for all testing attempts).

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## New Grading Scale for Georgetown County Schools

The Georgetown County Board of Education adopted a 10-point grading scale starting this year for grades 2-12.

- A - (90-100)
- B - (80-89)
- C - (70-79)
- D - (60-69)
- F - (< 60)

## Final Exam Exemptions

Final exams are a component of each course offered in grades 9-12 and will count as 20% of the student's final grade. Students in Grades 9-12 who have a cumulative average of 90% or higher may choose to exempt the final exam except in courses which require the mandatory South Carolina End-of-Course. In order to exempt the final exam in all other courses and retain their cumulative average for the course, the student must have no more than 5 unexcused absences for the course (semester schedule) or have no more than 10 unexcused absences for the course (year long). All excused absences must be submitted within 3 school days.

\*\*Students and parents can keep track of their grades through PowerSchool. If you don't have access, you can contact Mrs. Stewart at 843-237-9899.

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

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



# September Birthdays



September 9

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

September 10

MaTeen Jahanbakhsh  
Juliaan Verduzco-  
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 Efid  
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 Gladfelter  
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 11

Ms. Flewelling

September 16

Mrs. Lawson

September 23

Ms. Cook

September 27

Mr. Vassallo  
Mr. McAlister



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

### UNDERCLASSMEN

### Picture Day

in the WHS auditorium

### Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol



# YOLO

# BE DRUG FREE

## #YouOnlyLiveOnce

T.A.D.A.'s First Meeting is

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center  
at 3:30pm

# Spirit Night

Monday, September 12th

At



Take a night off from cooking and enjoy some amazing dinner at Bisqit!

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**Waccamaw High School Competitive Cheer Team!**

Bring your friends, family, neighbors...everyone needs dinner, and Bisqit is an amazing solution! Burgers, Shakes, French Fries to DIE for!

If you haven't been there this is a great reason to go.

**Bisqit is located in the Hammock Shops in Pawleys Island**

**Dine in or Carry Out**

**Monday, September 12th 2016 4pm-9pm**