

WEEKLY WARRIOR ... YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Merry
Christmas
& Happy New Year



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Merry Christmas + Happy New Year



from the
Newsletter
Staff

Front: Brzecken, Natz,
TJ, Georgia,
Mrs. Kelly
Middle: Amber,
Raehzi, Addison,
Grace
Back: Mr. Nettles,
Maddiz, Mekhi, Ben,
Jayla, Tucker
Not pictured: E-P

Upcoming Events



December 16: Girls' & Boys' Varsity Basketball Vs. St. James 6:00pm @ WHS Gymnasium

December 17: Wrestling-Carolina Forest Individual Tournament @ Carolina Forest High School

December 21-23: Boys' Varsity Basketball-Rock Hill Christmas Tournament @ Rock Hill High School

December 17-January 1

Winter Break!

January 2: Students and staff return to school

Waccin' in a Winter Wonderland!

From music playing in the cafeteria, wreaths and banners hung throughout the school, and the 5 Days of Waccamaw Wonderland activities, Waccamaw High has been bursting with holiday cheer.



Warriors Sing 2016!

Article and pictures provided by Mrs. Plyler, WHS Choral Director

This fall, Waccamaw Chorus has been on the move, on stage, and in the community. This past week, Waccamaw Chorus traveled to Disney for the Candlelight Processional, staged at Epcot World Center. After their phenomenal concert last Tuesday evening, thirty five of our WHS students loaded the bus at 4 a.m. for Orlando, Florida. The Chorus worked on the repertoire, fourteen beautiful traditional Christmas favorites throughout the last three months. Students showcased two of the pieces in the Winter Concert, "O Holy Night" and "Il Est Ne." The Christmas Story was narrated by Anthony Mackie, best known for his role as Falcon in Captain America. We had the pleasure of performing with other high schools from five states in the eastern region. Students performed with the Voices of Liberty from Disney and Disney orchestra. Hallelujah Chorus was the perfect close of the evening before watching the fireworks over the lake in Epcot.

The weather was perfect with a festive chill in the air. The students had an amazing time with their three day park hopper pass and flying high on every ride. Our students were accompanied by ten wonderful chaperones and overall, the trip was a huge success. Our Chorus would like to say a great big thank you to every student, teacher, staff member, parent, and community

partner
for their

success in bringing such wonderful opportunities to our program. Wishing you all an amazing holiday! Let joy rock your world!



Waccamaw Chorus



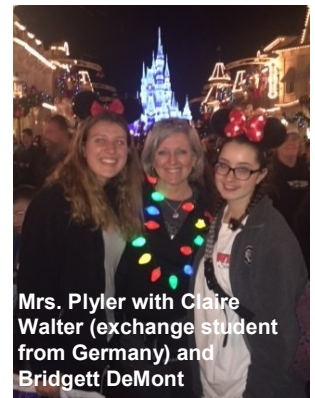
Candlelight Processional



Epcot



Seniors - Bri Markle, Chris Holmes, Kaitlyn Harrison and Sage Blaylock



Mrs. Plyler with Claire Walter (exchange student from Germany) and Bridgett DeMont

WHS takes First and Second in Georgetown County 2016 Holiday Card Art Contest

Information and picture provided by Mr. Bethea

Congratulations to Alex Sanders and Olivia Thigpen (pictured on the right) who were selected first and second place in the Georgetown County Holiday Card contest. Hundreds of entries throughout the county were submitted. Sander's card will be used on the front of the county's official 2016 holiday card that will be sent out to employees and businesses throughout the county. All entries will be displayed at the student's local library throughout the month of December.



Alex Sanders and Olivia Thigpen



Alex-1st



Olivia-2nd

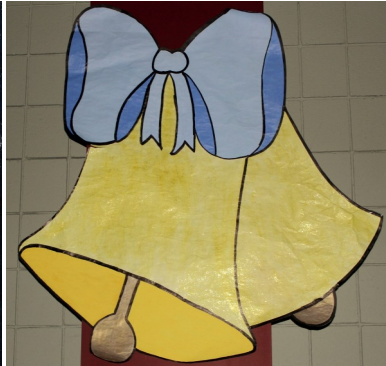


Thank you to Mr. Bethea and his art students for the beautiful artwork.





TADA





WAVE



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WHS



ART MURAL

Each year the Georgetown County School District asks all schools (elementary, intermediate, middle, and high) to submit a holiday mural. The murals are delivered to International Paper and displayed along their entrance making it a beautiful sight to see.

The art students did an excellent job on the mural.

If you would like to see all the murals, go to the GCSD home page. They are viewed in the slideshow.

December Birthdays

December 15

Bailey Bass
Nick Baxley
Patrick Lanford

December 16

Lauren Amerson
Seqwan Deas
Matthew Falcon
Josh Mamajek

December 17

Emmaleigh Efird
Alex Gauthier
Jack Graham
Sean Graham
Tucker Thaggard
Nick Van Nest
Tyanna
Washington

December 18

Alson Thomas

December 19

Aalijah Daniels

December 20

Hannah Hinkson

December 21

Royce Smith

December 22

William Moree

December 23

Alec Devlin
Jason Devlin
Jessica Mohan

December 24

Kayron Singleton
Brianna Wright

December 25

Jeffery Carlyle
Dayshawn Keith
Mayshawn Keith

December 27

Nathan
Gladfelter
Wils DesMarteau

December 28

Lessa Bagwell
Elizabeth

December 29

Chastain
Reed Edwards
Clayton Hughes
Jayne Mahon
Hannah Phairas

December 29

Parker Finley
Trevon Franklin
Trey Hart

December 30

Rakeem Fisher
Minger Nesmith
Shelton

December 31

Rutherford
Tatum Tarte
Alyssa Douglas
Raleigh Durham

Staff

December 21

Coach Quinn

December 29

Mr. Krask





BREAKFAST WITH THE BAND

Article by TJ Straight
Pictures courtesy of Waccamaw Bands Facebook page

Last Saturday, December 10th, the band held their annual Breakfast with the Band fundraiser. For \$6, each person was served two pancakes, a sausage link with either juice or coffee. While everyone was eating their breakfast, students from the Bands of Waccamaw (grades 6-12) performed. Santa also made a special appearance. All the little kids had a chance to sit on



his lap, take pictures with him, and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Everyone had a great time.



WACCAMAW CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT

Article by TJ Straight, pictures courtesy of Waccamaw Bands Facebook page



High School directed by Mr. Graham

On Tuesday, December 13th, the Waccamaw band held their annual winter concert. Both the middle and high school performed; the high school played "The Polar Express", "Sleigh Ride", "African Bell Carol", and "The Christmas Parade Sequence." They also had a special appearance of Elsa (Sydney Windham) from *Frozen*. She took pictures with the younger kids after the concert and sang "Let It Go" for the audience. Everyone left with a smile on their face.



Middle School directed by Ms. Randall

BLOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS



Article by Georgia Mattar, pictures by Adison Marshall



Last Thursday, December 8th, **American Red Cross** Waccamaw hosted their annual blood drive sponsored by the Red Cross. There were 50 students signed up, but only 35 were able to give blood due to the low staff of nurses. The students that were not able to give blood participated in other local blood drives. Waccamaw High exceeded their goal of 35 units. Awesome job, Warriors!

American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life



**Thank you
to everyone who
donated and
volunteered
their time. 😊**

Winter Dance

Article by E-P Vermont, pictures courtesy of Jed Parreno

On Friday, December 9th, Waccamaw hosted a winter dance called Winter Wonderland, sponsored by Student Council. Members sold tickets, gathered decorations, and decorated the gym for the dance with help from National Honor Society members. The dance lasted from 8 to 11 p.m. with refreshments being offered at the dance. Jed Parreno, a Waccamaw Alum, took photographs of the dance while Brian Henry, president of the Athletic Booster Club, and Matt Giltmier were the DJs. "I thought that the winter dance was a fun, successful night," student body president, Raphael Ofendo-Reyes said. "It would've been nothing without May May Henry and her dedication. Together, we wanted to let the underclassmen have something that they usually have to wait until their junior year for, but I'm happy we were able to give this school something new that will go down as the legacy of the class of 2017." With 183 tickets sold, the dance was a success. Thanks to every parent and teacher who chaperoned or brought food and decorations!





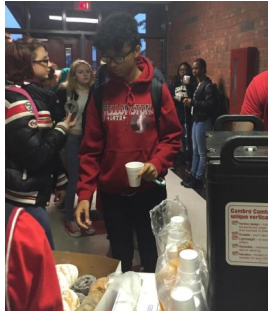
5 Days of Waccamaw Wonderland



This week, Waccamaw's Student Council sponsored the 5 Days of Waccamaw Wonderland in order to show holiday spirit. Below is some pictures from the activities.



On Monday during lunch and in some classes, students wrote letters to deployed soldiers overseas.



Wednesday morning, the students and staff were greeted by members of F.C.A. who treated everyone with doughnuts and hot chocolate.



Mrs. Tester's class provided "Treats for the Staff" in the teacher workroom from 9am to 1:30pm.



On Tuesday, Santa visited Mrs. Tester's classroom.

Ho,
Ho,
Ho!



Ugly Christmas sweaters were also worn on Wednesday with an ugly sweater contest during both lunches. Congratulations to runner up Marcus Richardson and winner Mary Russell Eddy from 1st lunch and runner up Elizabeth Chastain and winner Noah Giltmire from 2nd lunch. The winners won gift cards and the runners up received Warrior towels.



Noah & Elizabeth



Mary Russell



Raphael & Marcus



Continued ...



On Thursday, unopened toys were brought in by students for Toys for Tots which was run by the National Honor Society.



On Friday, National Honor Society gave teachers a Cup o' Candy and a Christmas card to spread around holiday cheer.

Sports Action

Waccamaw Sweeps Andrews off the Court

Article by Brecken Fox, pictures by Jayla Dereef

The boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams played Andrews on Saturday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 13th and won both games. On Saturday, the boys won 65-50 in a very physical game. Connor Heimberger had 21 points, Ty'Shaun Richardson had 15, and Jawan Bryant had 10. The varsity girls also won Saturday 39-21. Anna Franklin led the team with 15 points. On Tuesday, the varsity boys defeated Andrews 56-50. Heimberger and Bryant led the team with 16 points each, Lach Dancy with 9, and Boomer Frank with 8. The girls won Tuesday as well, 45-36, with Samirah Murray leading the team with 17 points.



The Warriors will take on the St. James Sharks at home tonight. Come out and support your Warriors by wearing red. Go Warriors!

WRESTLING

By Coach Cook

Our Warrior wrestling team got off to a rough start dropping it's first four matches to St. James, Stratford, Carolina Forest, and Cane Bay. We struggled with facing larger schools, conditioning and commitment. On December 7th, the spark finally began and the Warriors defeated both Myrtle Beach and new region rivals Lake City at home.

Currently we are 4-6 with a win against Conway on December 9th and a win against Loris on December 14th. Senior Captain Jack Cook is 9-1. The team traveled to Conway last night but the results were not available at press time.

On Saturday, December 17th, the team will travel to Carolina Forest for an individual tournament.



Christmas Fun Page



Christmas Word Scramble

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Christmas Reindeer Word Search

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E I H S D I C H H R O
N S C A E T E E P C L
T T O N E Z R R O U P
S M M T R E E E L P H
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E S T V I X E N A D A

Words to find:

- BLITZEN
- CHRISTMAS
- COMET
- CUPID
- DANCER
- DASHER
- DONNER
- NORTHPOLE
- PRANCER
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER
- RUDOLPH
- SANTA
- SLEIGH
- VIXEN

