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Coming Home Week Recap



Article by E-P Vermont & Maddie Giarratano; pictures by E-P Vermont

Last week, students celebrated Coming Home Week to show support to the basketball and wrestling teams. Students were able to participate in dress up days to show school spirit. Monday was Classy vs. Casual, Tuesday was Netflix Day, Wednesday was Decade Day, Thursday was Sports Day, and Friday was Warrior Pride Day. On Friday, a pep rally was held to recognize the basketball and wrestling teams, as well as, showcasing the winners of the King and Queen of Hearts. Raphael Ofendo Reyes won King and Dee Funnye won Queen. Congratulations to you both! Overall, the seniors won the dress up days. In an amazing turn of events, the juniors beat out the seniors to win the spirit stick. A game was played in the middle of the pep rally where each class had five students who spun around on a baseball bat and then attempted to make a basket. Ultimately, the seniors won this game. Coach Quinn picked four players from the basketball team who thought they could dunk on the court. Each class "picked" who they wanted to represent them and the freshmen got Boomer Frank, the sophomores got Lach Dancy, the juniors got Ronald Thompson, and the seniors got Jawaan Bryant. It was a close match between Frank and Thompson, however, Thompson came out on top. As part of Coming Home week, Key Club (with the help of the student body), raised \$60 for St. Jude, with the sophomores raising the most money. As a reward for the sophomores winning, Pierson Razzi was chosen to dowse Science teacher and Key Club Sponsor, Ms. King, with a bucket full of confetti. (See more on page 7.) Friday night, our varsity basketball team played their Coming Home game against Lake City. The varsity boys won by 2 points and the varsity girls lost in overtime. Thank you Warriors for participating and for making another Coming Home Week a success! Check out more Coming Home Dress Up and Pep Rally photos on pages 5-7.

*King and Queen of Hearts
Raphael Ofendo Reyes
and Dee Funnye*





Upcoming Events

February is Black History Month

February 3-4: Competitive Speech & Debate Tournament @ Southside High School

February 3: Girls' & Boys' Varsity Basketball Vs. Aynor 6:00pm @ Aynor High School

February 4: Wrestling-1st & 2nd Round Playoffs @ Battery Creek

February 6: Girls' & Boys' Varsity Basketball Vs. Georgetown 6:00pm @ WHS Gymnasium

February 7: Girls' & Boys' J.V. Basketball Vs. Georgetown 6:00pm @ Georgetown High School

February 8: Girls' & Boys' Varsity Basketball Vs. Dillon 6:00pm @ Dillon High School

February 9: Girls' & Boys' J.V. Basketball Vs. Dillon 6:00pm @ WHS Gymnasium

February 9-10: GCSD All-County Chorus Clinic @ WHS High School

February 10: GCSD All-County Chorus Concert @ 6:00pm in the WHS auditorium

February 10: Competitive Speech & Debate Tournament @ Eastside High School

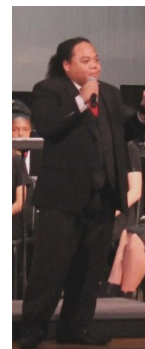


WHS Host All-County Band Clinic and Concert

Article by TJ Straight; concert pictures by Jayla Dereef; clinic pictures courtesy of Waccamaw Bands Facebook page



Last Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th, Waccamaw hosted the annual All-County Band Clinic. To start off the two day event, a selected number of middle and high school band students from Georgetown, Andrews, and Carvers Bay, among our own students at WHS, auditioned and were assigned chair placement. All day Thursday and half of



Friday, the students practiced for the concert held Friday night. Mr. Graham, our WHS Band Director, invited Mr. David Carter to direct the high school band and Mr. Chris Patterson to direct the middle school band. Mr. Carter currently serves as Director of Bands and Fine Arts Department Chair at Cane Bay High School. He also travels throughout the southeastern United States as an active jazz, contemporary, and classical musician. Mr. Patterson is the Director of Bands at Dent Middle School. The band program has been awarded the Outstanding Performance Award 10 consecutive years. Thank you to our guest clinicians and great job bands on an awesome concert!



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ALL-COUNTY CHORUS CLINIC Thursday and Friday, February 9th & 10th **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL** **CHORUS CONCERT**

February 10th @ 6:00pm in the WHS auditorium

Money Raised for St. Jude's Hospital

Article and picture by Maddie Giarratano

Last week, January 23rd -27th, Key Club, with the help of the student body, raised money for St. Jude's Hospital, collecting a total of \$60. On Monday, students were offered the opportunity to draw a Disney character that would incorporate St. Jude's Hospital and Valentine's Day; later to be taken to St. Jude's for the children to admire. The drawings were judged and hung in the gym during the pep rally. The winners of the drawing contest were seniors Kaitlyn Harrison and Maddie Giarratano. Thank you to everyone who made a donation and participated in helping Key Club provide joy to the children at St. Jude's. Go Warriors!



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of Black History Month, T.A.D.A. is continuing their "Who Am I?" trivia the entire month of February.

Trivia: I am an inventor. Some of my inventions helped satellites fly to other planets in our solar system. I am best known for inventing the Super Soaker squirt gun. WHO AM I?

The first person to share the answer with Mrs. Stewart will receive a surprise. Listen all week for an opportunity to learn of the accomplishments of African Americans. On the 28th of February, give the names of all African Americans featured and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card from J. Peters Restaurant.



TONS OF GOLD AWARDED TO THE WINDTALKERS

Article and picture provided by Coach Lawson

The Waccamaw Windtalkers Competitive Speech and Debate team easily garnered the first place overall team award at the Berkeley High School Speech tournament in Moncks Corner on Saturday, January 28th. Sam Averette individually placed 1st in Humorous Interpretation. This win won Averette his second qualifying leg for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions (NIETOC) in Kansas in May. Averette has now qualified for this tournament in both Original Oration and Humorous Interpretation. To qualify for NIETOC, students must earn a series of high placings in NIETOC-sanctioned tournaments.

Other team members with individual placings at this tournament:

- ◇ Alexandra Jaouiche: 4th place in Impromptu Speaking; 2nd place in Original Oration.
- ◇ Damion Patterson: 1st place in Mixed Oral Interpretation; 5th place in Declamation; 4th place in Humorous Interpretation
- ◇ Evan Carter: 4th place in Novice Reading; 2nd place in Mixed Oral Interpretation.
- ◇ Hannah Martin: 3rd place in Novice Reading.
- ◇ Jake Homan: 3rd place in Impromptu Speaking; 2nd place in Expository Speaking; 3rd place in Original Oration.
- ◇ Jules Steffan: 6th place in Novice Reading; 2nd place in Impromptu Speaking; 1st place in Declamation.
- ◇ Lizzy Moore: 5th place in Mixed Oral Interpretation; 3rd place in Dramatic Interpretation.
- ◇ Molly O'Donovan: 4th place in Mixed Oral Interpretation; 5th place in Humorous Interpretation.
- ◇ Riley Sollars: 1st place in Congressional Debate
- ◇ Sam Averette: 3rd place in Mixed Oral Interpretation; 4th place in Original Oration; 1st place in Humorous Interpretation.
- ◇ Samantha Jaouiche: 5th place in Novice Reading; 6th place in Impromptu Speaking; 6th place in Declamation.
- ◇ Tatum Tarte: 3rd place in Humorous Interpretation
- ◇ Zachary Rosenberg: 3rd Place in Congressional Debate

A large thank you to volunteers Jennifer Averette, Durwin Carter, Tom Sollars, Peggy Homan, Tammy Tarte, Alex Lawson, and Amani Huell for their outstanding assistance at the tournament.

Learning Life Skills Outside the Walls of Waccamaw High

Article and pictures by Amber Grimes and Rachel Moore

On Friday, January 20th, Mrs. Tester’s Life Skills class went on a fieldtrip to Sam’s Club to buy supplies for their weekly bake sale. Afterwards they went to Savannah’s Park, an all inclusive park located by the Market Commons, to have some fun.

Don’t forget—the bake sale is every Wednesday in Mrs. Tester’s room—cookies, brownies, cupcakes only \$1.00 each.

Last Friday, January 27th, Mrs. Tester’s class went on an outing to Broadway at the Beach. The students had lunch

at Johnny Rockets and enjoyed walking around the Broadway.



Thirst Project Class Wars Fundraiser

Article provided by Ms. Pilkey, pictures by E-P Vermont

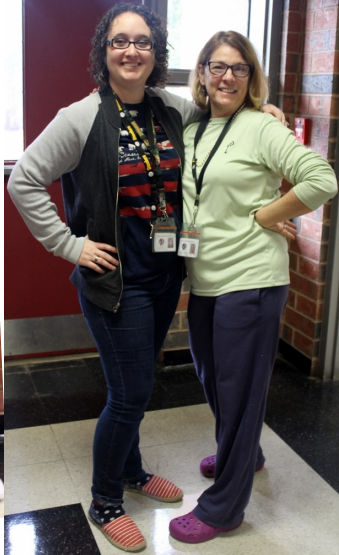
Key Club sponsored a Class Wars donation project for Coming Home Week. All donations collected are going to the organization, Thirst Project, as part of their Thirsty30 initiative. This organization’s mission is to provide clean water to countries around the world. Thirst Project is currently working in 7 countries, and in the past, has worked with 13 in total. All donations given to Thirst Project will be used towards furthering their mission. With our collected donations, we are able to sponsor a couple with clean water for life!



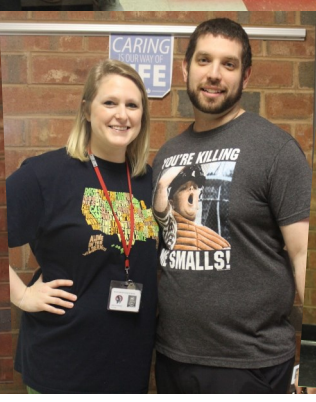
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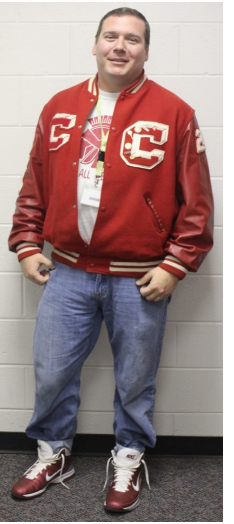


Classy vs Casual



Coming Home Week





Decade Day



SPORTS

