



Wildcat Weekly

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New WOW! Behavioral Incentive Plan Rolls Out Monday



On Monday, September 15, 2014, a new incentive plan for WMS students will roll out in all classrooms. The WMS Discipline Committee has been hard at work putting together a plan of rewards for good demonstration of character and behaviors using staff and student input.

Mr. Richard Gehrman, chairman of the committee, unveiled the plan to teachers in a faculty meeting this week. Here is how the plan works:

Students earn WOW! stamps for exhibiting

good behavior and character in each of their classes. WOW! represents Waccamaw #One Wildcat and students can earn these stamps in their official WMS Agenda through practicing the behaviors desired by each of their teachers. These behaviors may vary from classroom to classroom, but could reflect such behaviors as:

- Wearing school ID
- Using agenda to record homework and action plans

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Mrs. Elizabeth Intrieri Voted Teacher of the Month

Amid teacher-created drumrolls and applause, Mrs. Elizabeth Intrieri received the TOM Trophy and a month duty free for being elected the first WMS Teacher of the Month for 2014. Mrs. Jamie Curry, Principal, congratulated Mrs. Intrieri for being a teacher who exemplifies professionalism, organization, good rapport with students, and a positive attitude. Way to go, Mrs. Intrieri!



WMS B-TEAM Victorious Over Georgetown Middle

The night of Wednesday, September 10, 2014, the B-Team Football team played against the Georgetown Bulldogs. With a stupendous score of 26 to 18, the Wildcats brought home victory!



For the third time in school history, the Wildcats beat the Bull-

dogs! The star players of the game were Austin Hansmeyer on defense with 26 tackles and multiple sacks, Ty'Shaun Richardson on offense with two 50 yard touchdowns, Man Dew with an unbelievable interception, and Peyton Brown with the game winning touchdown.

At the end of the football game, Coach Tyler Vick, Coach Roderick Brown, and team were shedding tears of joy. "Looking to go 2 and 0 next week at Carvers Bay," said Coach Vick, confidently.

WMS Arts Department Remembers 9/11 with Musical Salute and Dramatic Reading

Sounds of WMS' band filled the seventh and eighth grade hallways Thursday as the band, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Randall, remembered the lost and the heroes of 9/11 by playing Taps, a traditional bugle call that is used to end the day by the military, and also at ceremonies and funerals.

Following the sounding of Taps, Mr. Drew Trautman presented a dramatic reading

with excerpts from a speech given by Marianne Horinko at the 2nd anniversary ceremony at the EPA in Washington D.C.

While WMS students are far too young to remember the actual events of the day, many of them were moved by the dramatic reading as were many staff members who vividly recounted where they were and what they felt during and following 9/11.

In Ms. Nonie Reese's art classes, students constructed world globes from hexagonally cut paper with designs that memorialized the lost and honored the heroic acts of the day.



Basketball Conditioning!

Girls' Conditioning: September 29, 2014, from 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Boys' Conditioning: September 17-18, 2014, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Try outs will be held on November 3, 2014, so make sure to save the date!

Come with your physical form and a good attitude!

Cool Cat Smoothie Punch Cards are Now on Sale!!

For \$10.00 you can buy a card and you will receive 5 smoothies. Cards expire at the end of the year!

No more counting change..... or looking for \$2.00. We take cash and checks. Punch card members can even call and have their order delivered!!



Marching Band in the Pink with *The Blues*

The WHS Marching Band has an interesting theme this year—*Blueprint!* The band plays at all home football games and has worked hard all summer to perfect their performance! They also take *Blueprint* on the road for a full competitive season.

“I think our fans are going to love this theme,” director Chris Graham said at practice. “This show is going to be amazing. We have gigantic blue print backdrops that will set the stage for our three movements.” The theme indicates that there will be blues and even some jazz tones present. It takes a lot to be in this band and eight incredible eighth grade students have made the cut; Elizabeth Chastain, Sahaila Collins, Lauren Fitzgerald, Drew Hogan, Raleigh McMillian, William Menger, Hannah Miller, and Leighton Rapps.



This season, Tori Setliff, a senior, is the band’s Drum Major and Sam Insignares is the Band Captain. The directors are Chris Graham and Nancy Randall and the choreographer is Lisa Arnold. The WHS Marching Warriors will begin their competition season with “The Beach Band Blast” at Socastee High School on September 27, 2014.

Every student needs to send his/her favorite unique picture of themselves for the yearbook to dgouldin@gcsd.k12.sc.us by

October 3rd



Scholastic Book Fair Earns \$657.51 for SCJB Purchases

This year's first Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Thanks to parents, students, and staff, a total of 176 books and other miscellaneous items were sold. The book fair raised \$1,642.72. Of that gross amount,

\$657.51 is profit and will be used toward the purchase of South Carolina Jr. Book Nominee titles for teacher classrooms, materials for the media center, and other items for teachers' classrooms. During each fair, books are

available to order from www.scholastic.com. Thank you to the WMS Community for supporting this effort by buying books and other items!

Strawbridge Portraits

- ◆ Pictures were taken Thursday, August 28—
Make-up Date TBA
- ◆ Pay for what you take home
- ◆ They take about 3 weeks to develop
- ◆ Families can pay online at strawbridge.net



1 Sheet	\$15.00	◆ Families can add 3 bookmarks and 4 friendship wallets for \$8.00 more to any sheet!
2 Sheets	\$22.00	
3 Sheets	\$32.00	◆ You can pick them up in the media center any weekday from 7:30-3:30
4 Sheets	\$40.00	◆ You can add 3 bookmarks and 4 friendship wallets for \$8.00 more to any sheet!
Entire Package	\$45.00	

Anti-Bully Walk Encourages Students to Come Together Against Bullying

On Friday, September 5, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., students from all the Waccamaw Neck schools lined up at Waccamaw High School to participate in the Anti-Bully Walk. Students and teachers came dressed in their brightest colors and purchased glow sticks to light up the night and show their support. Elementary students carried homemade signs around the track and Warrior Cheerleaders encouraged everyone present to show some spirit.

“I think this is a great thing!” said Mrs. Bethany Miller, a teacher at WIS. “We should do this every year. Anything that prevents bullying is worth our time.”

“A walk doesn't prevent bullying; good choices prevent bullying,” said WIS principal, Dr. Tim Carnahan. Other teachers agreed.

After a lap around the track, everyone was thanked for coming. Many grabbed some Italian ice, and took their seats to watch our Warriors win! Hopefully, this tradition will reign for more generations and encourage our students to lift up others and bring down bullying!



**Yearbooks are
on sale NOW!**

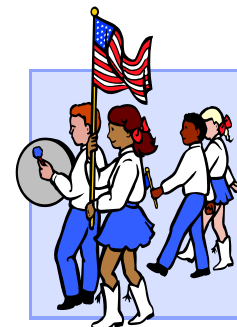
\$42.40

**One line of personalization on
your yearbook is \$6.00 extra and
each icon is \$3.00.**

**Please turn your payments in to Mrs. Gouldin in the Media Center.
Order forms available from link on WMS homepage.**

WHS Warrior Games

Homecoming Parade



Friday, October 17, 2014 at 4:30

Lineup at All Saints Church at 4:00

The Homecoming theme this year is “Warrior Games”. Floats should pertain to this theme. Each entry (excluding Homecoming Court and District Officials) should choose a game or board game to decorate their float by. Inappropriate behavior or decorations will be kicked out of the parade.

You can pick up a parade participation form from Mrs. Chadwell. Her planning periods are 4th and 5th block. You can drop completed forms off at the school (attention: Brieal Chadwell), or email them to

bchadwell@gcsd.k12.sc.us

Parade forms and money need to be completed and turned in **NO** later than September 30th, 2014 at 5:00pm.

Make checks payable to WHS and include a phone number and home address.

GO WARRIORS!!!

Mr. Trautman Receives Electronic Piano Through Grant

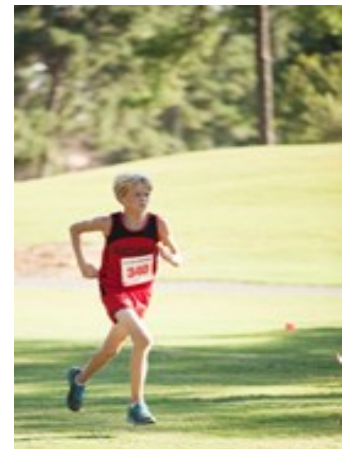


The Waccamaw Middle School Chorus has just received a new digital piano thanks to the generosity of donors from around the country. Mr. Trautman started a crowdfunding campaign at DonorsChoose.org with the hopes of raising enough money to purchase a new piano in a few weeks or even months.

His expectations were blown out of the water when the required \$1,600 was raised in just four days! Due to a generous matching grant by the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation, our regular donors only had to raise \$800. The piano is in the classroom now and has already proven useful. Mr. Trautman is able to spend more time engaged with his classes and the chorus as a result of being able to record his accompaniment. One immediate advantage of this electronic piano is that the chorus has already begun to learn music faster. Thanks to everyone who donated or shared the campaign with others.

Cross Country Team Off to Fantastic Start

The Waccamaw Cross Country Team's season kicked off with their first meet on August 29, 2014, where they raced at Coastal Carolina University golf course. These athletes raced in 94 degree weather and both Boys' and Girls' teams finished second only to come behind 4-A powerhouse Wando. Their second meet was on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, that was held at Stables Park.



The team also had an invitational meet on Saturday, September 7, 2014, "The Eye Opener" in Spartanburg. The girls finished twelfth and the boys finished third. Their latest meet was on

September 9, 2014 at Saint James High School against other Horry county schools where both teams finished first. This year Waccamaw Middle School has a total of 29 runners and there is a lot of competition in the top ten spots. The Waccamaw team has practiced all summer and looks forward to a great season!



WHS Swim Team Starts Season with Distinction

The Waccamaw Swim Team has been working very hard for the past month to get ready for the season. They have already competed in three meets and succeeded in all of them so far. At Waccamaw's first meet, the boys came in second place out of the thirteen teams that competed. At the second meet, the boys tied for first place and the girls came in sixth. At the third meet, the boys came in first and the girls came in eighth out of eleven teams.

These athletes practice hard Monday through Thursday. Monday and Wednesday practices are from 6:30-8:30 pm with dry lands: a series of exercises swimmers use to strengthen their core muscles. Tuesday and Thursday are from 5:30-7:15 am. The Warrior's seventh grade swimmers are Annie Chapman, Cami Kuenzle, Covey Loftus, Hannan Mackey, Michael Paglio, and Will Tiller. The eighth graders are Gracie Hicks, Sean King, Peyton Little, and Zoe Royal-Buehler.

Come out and support our swimming Warriors! The team's meet schedule is on their website:

<http://www.waccamawswimming.com/>



Left to right are eighth graders, Zoe Royal-Buehler, Peyton Little, and 7th graders, Hannan Mackey, Annie Chapman, and Cami Kuenzle.

Ashley Gaines' Tennis Tournament Inspires

The Waccamaw Girls' Tennis Team plays in the Ashley Gaines Tennis Tournament annually. The tournament is in honor of Ashley Gaines, a former WMS student and 2007 WHS graduate. Gains suffered Diffuse Large B Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a form of cancer. She participated in tennis and soccer athletics.

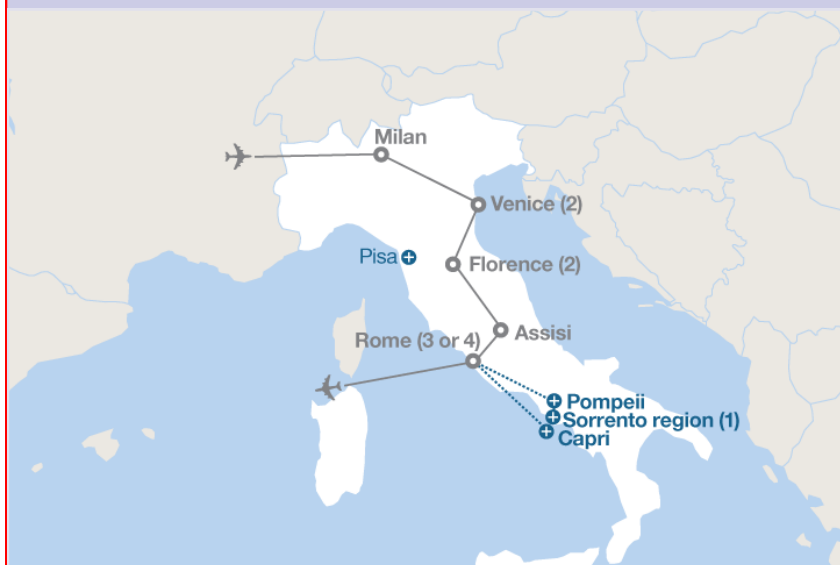
A little over a year after the diagnosis, she passed away. In her loving memory, her parents created the Ashley Gaines Foundation in order to earn money for cancer research.

This annual tennis tournament is played in her memory and Coach Joan Cribb is a great supporter of the tournament. Mary Catherine Horton says of Coach Cribb's speech at the tournament,

"Coach Cribb always cries at the tournament. Seeing your coach cry is one of the most difficult things; it makes you want to cry because she's the one that makes you run laps and builds up your strength, but she seems vulnerable." Taking part in this tournament is a way to raise money for cancer research and is truly moving to everyone who participates, watches, or even reads about this inspirational tournament.



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-Student Traveler

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Return Date: 6/18/2015

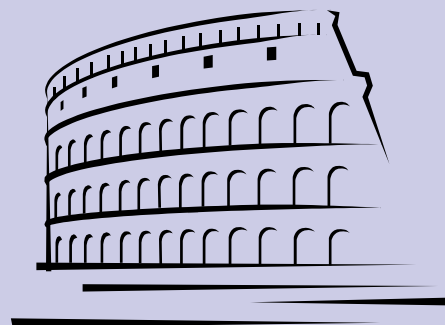
Student Price: \$3,935 (\$480/mo for 8 months)

If you have any questions contact Mrs. Hudson at DHudson@gcsd.k12.sc.us

OR

Visit the [EF Tours](#) website for additional information

Hope you will join us for the adventure of a lifetime!!



WMS SCHOOL STORE



WMS School Store is a lunch option for 7th and 8th graders, open Monday through Friday.

Day	Item	Price
Monday	Hwy 55 Hamburger or Cheeseburger	\$3.00
Tuesday	Hwy 55 Chicken Sandwich	\$3.00
Wednesday	TBD	TBD
Thursday	KFC 2 Chicken Littles with Corn	\$3.50
Friday	TBD	TBD

Chips with any meal \$1.00

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Brookgreen Gardens Zookeeper for a Day program is an exciting new program that gives guests age 12 and older a firsthand look at working in a zoo. Come spend the day helping zookeepers with their daily routine of feeding, cleaning, and animal care. Don't miss your chance to feed deer, prepare animal diets, and get your photo with a snake!

Program Information

- ◆ Dates: This program is only offered on the following dates: Tuesday, August 19, Sunday, September 21, Tuesday, October 21, Tuesday, November 4, and Sunday, November 23.
- ◆ Cost: \$150.00
- ◆ Time: 8:30 am-2:00pm
- ◆ Participants must be at least 12 years old. Participants must also be able to lift up to 20 pounds and be willing to work in all weather conditions.
- ◆ Due to the hands on nature of this program, we can only accept one participant per session.
- ◆ New things are always going on at the zoo; therefore, we cannot guarantee that you will get to work with a certain animal.

For more information or to register, please call: 843-235-6049 or email jcirino@brookgreen.org

These spaces fill up quickly so hurry and register!

All about Zookeeper for a Day

What should I wear?

Zookeepers work in all weather conditions and so will you! Rain or shine, you will be outside so come dressed appropriately for the weather. A t-shirt and name tag will be provided for you. Please wear khakis or jeans. Shorts are permitted in the summer. You will be cleaning and getting dirty, so wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes. Flip flops and sandals are not allowed, as they are not safe for behind-the-scenes areas.

What should I bring?

You should bring a water bottle. Lunch and a snack will be provided for you. You may also want to bring bug spray and sun screen. Bring a camera with you as there will be photo opportunities throughout the day!

What should I know about working with animals?

Though our animals are tolerant of human presence, they are still wild and can act unpredictably. It is very important to follow the instructions of the zookeeper you are shadowing. Only enter animal areas with the direction of a keeper. Always wait for instruction and authorization from a keeper before approaching any animals while participating in feeding and training them. Only touch animals when the keeper has given permission to do so. Please note that this program is an inside look at a zookeeper's job and limited animal handling will be involved.

Are there any requirements or restrictions to participating?

Guests are required to bring with them proof of a negative TB test within twelve months of their experience. Guests are expected to follow all rules and guidelines of the staff. Those that do not follow the rules will be asked to leave without a refund. Please note that our behind-the-scenes areas are not handicapped-accessible.



*Come join our
amazing
zookeepers for a
wild time!*



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Curriculum Coordinator—Travis Klatka
Guidance Counselors—Twila Daniels and Rosie Carnley

- **Vision**—The vision of Waccamaw Middle School is to provide diverse and challenging educational opportunities that prepare all students to be responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners.
- **Mission**—The mission of Waccamaw Middle School is to ensure that every student has the skills to build a strong academic, athletic and artistic foundation by providing a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that meets individual needs and is delivered in a safe environment by a dedicated, caring staff.

OUR MOTTO: STUDENTS FIRST



We are on the Web:
www.gcsd.k12.sc.us/wms

WOW! Incentives Begin Continued from Page 1

- Assisting another student
- Having homework turned in on time.

Each teacher will post their desired behaviors on a poster in their room and explain how the program works Monday.

School-wide WOW! Rewards include:

- 25 stamps for entrance to an approved school event
- School-wide drawings for pre-announced prizes

As students use their WOW! stamps, First Block teachers will manage the drawings which will be announced a day in advance. Students will decide how many stamps they wish to use for each drawing and for other prize options.

Students **MUST** use the approved WMS Agenda, and “I left it in my locker.” does not count!

Mid-September Events—See Our Webpage Calendar for More!

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	<p>Marching Band Practice 3:15-5:45 p.m.</p> <p>4:30pm WHS Girls Varsity Golf vs. Carolina Forest @ MB Nat'l West</p> <p>4:30pm WHS Tennis @ Loris</p>	<p>WHS Cross Country @Stables Parks</p> <p>Marching Band Practice 3:15-5:45 p.m. Meet the Band Directors- Grades 6-12 @ WHS Auditorium</p> <p>3:15pm Grade Level Meeting</p> <p>5pm WMS B-Team Volleyball @ Loris</p>	<p>4pm WHS Tennis vs. Georgetown (JV) @ Stables Park</p> <p>5:30pm WMS B-Team Football @ Carvers Bay High</p>	<p>Marching Band Practice 3:15-5:45 p.m.</p> <p>4:30pm WHS Swim Team @ Marion</p>	<p>Home Football Game-3:15- Dinner provided by the Boosters</p>	<p>WHS Swim Team TBA</p>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	<p>Marching Band Practice 3:15-5:45 p.m.</p> <p>5pm WHS B-Team Volleyball vs Carvers Bay @ WHS</p>	<p>WHS Cross Country @Mrytle Beach</p> <p>Marching Band Practice 3:15-5:45 p.m.</p> <p>5pm ELA Curriculum Night</p>	<p>4:30pm WHS Varsity Girls' Golf vs. St. James/Gtwn @ International</p> <p>5:30pm WMS B-Team Football vs Rosemary @ Andrews High</p>	<p>WHS Tennis Team @ NY</p>			<p>WHS Cross Country "Low Country Inv." @Mullet Hall James Island</p> <p>1st Competition at Socastee High School-Beach Band Blast</p> <p>WHS Swim Team @ Gtwn YMCA</p>