



# WACCAMAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

## School Improvement Council Annual Report

### 2022 - 2023

This report was developed through the collaboration of the staff at Waccamaw Middle School and members of the WMS School Improvement Council. This review included highlights of student effort and achievement, our goals for improvement, and the challenges those goals address.

## ***WE just can't hide that WARRIOR PRIDE!***

### School Activities, Honors and Awards

- ◇ WMS was voted Runner-Up in the Middle School Category in the 2022 Post and Courier Readers Choice Award.
- ◇ WMS was nominated and recognized as a Cool School by News 2 Charleston in February with a visit from Octavia Mitchell.
- ◇ Faculty and Students completed a whole school Read Aloud of Starfish during Anti-Bullying Month along with a digital visit from author Lisa Fipps.
- ◇ Students participated in a Career Day with community businesses in November as well as the Statewide Pathways 2 Possibilities Fair in March.
- ◇ The WMS Academic team swept the Georgetown County Academic Team Quiz Bowl under the direction of Mrs. Downing Hudson and Ms. Leah Sanders.
- ◇ Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Becca Bishop
- ◇ Support Staff of the Year – Mr. Jhonnie Wilson

### Fine Arts and Culture

- ◇ Caroline Fischer (8<sup>th</sup>) – Winner of the SC Association of School Librarians Bookmark Design Contest
- ◇ 25 Warriors were selected for Georgetown County All County Chorus. Jessica Guedjo (7<sup>th</sup>) was awarded most valuable performer.
- ◇ 25 Warriors were selected to Georgetown County All County Band.
- ◇ Abigail Dukes (8<sup>th</sup>), Mac Bower (7<sup>th</sup>), Brayden Smith (7<sup>th</sup>), and Victoria Artz (7<sup>th</sup>) were selected to perform for the Region Five Honors Band.
- ◇ Our students led, created and performed our Black History Program under the direction of Mr. Boone, Ms. Grate and Ms. Morton.
- ◇ WMS held its first Music in Our Schools Month celebration recognizing WMS musicians.
- ◇ Our drama students held a successful rendition of Newsies under the direction of Mrs. Ownbey and Mrs. Klaich.
- ◇ Artwork from 22 Warriors was proudly displayed at the District Superintendent awards under the guidance of Ms. Katie Grauke.

### Student Achievement

- ◇ 23 Warriors were selected as the SC Junior Scholars for their performance on the PSAT.
- ◇ Jacob Wilkins (8<sup>th</sup>) earned the highest GCSD score on the PSAT this fall.
- ◇ Banks Hardin was recognized as the MVP of the GCSD Academic Bowl this March.
- ◇ Sam Miller (8<sup>th</sup>), Charlie Jackson (8<sup>th</sup>) and Presleigh Boan (8<sup>th</sup>) earned perfect scores on SCReady Math Assessments last spring.
- ◇ Jack Moschgat (8<sup>th</sup>), Emory Heineck (7<sup>th</sup>) and Ada Catherine Allen (7<sup>th</sup>) were all local winners of the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.
- ◇ Lillie Danysh, Taylor Ford and Virginia Adams were selected for the SC Council on Economics Education Calendar.

### Service

- ◇ Our Warriors raised over \$8,000 for our school through the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser.
- ◇ We collected 3,649 Canned Goods donated to the local Baskervill Food Pantry in Pawleys Island.
- ◇ Over \$1,000 raised in April for American Heart Association with our 3rd Annual Student/Faculty Kickball Tournament.
- ◇ Officer Lopez and Mr. Meyer took the Polar Plunge - raising over \$800 for SC Special Olympics in February.

### Athletics

- ◇ Our very own Ida Davis (7<sup>th</sup>) and Emory Heineck (7<sup>th</sup>) competed against High School athletes and helped win a State Championship with our WHS Girls Tennis Team.
- ◇ Our Warriors learned the value of discipline, dedication and desire through their athletic efforts in Fall, Winter and Spring Sports.
- ◇ Girls B-Team Basketball won 1st Place at the Black Mingo Middle School Conference tournament following an undefeated season and playoffs under Coach Davin Smalls.
- ◇ Many WMS Warrior athletes compete on a high school level, with portion participating in JV or Varsity contests.



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### WMS School Improvement Council Members

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Community Member
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- Janet Gulley**  
Teacher
- Neville Boone**  
Teacher

# Our Goals - 2022 - 2023 School Year

Using data from our 2022 Annual SC School Report Card, our SC READY Statewide Assessments and our AdvancEd Survey information, our SIC Team developed the following goals for the 2022-2023 School Year.

**GOAL 1:** We will foster a school environment and hold high standards that push our Warriors to show significant growth on our SC Ready Statewide Assessments.

We expect the progress made by students at WMS to reflect the projections below

ELA	% of Students who Meet or Exceed Proficiency	
Subject	2022 Data	Projected 2023 Results
7th Grade	64.7%	67%
8th Grade	58.3%	65%

MATH	% of Students who Meet or Exceed Proficiency	
Subject	2022 Data	Projected 2023 Results
7th Grade	43.6%	65%
8th Grade	40.5%	56%

Ultimately, our goal is to achieve 80% proficiency in the above assessments within the next four years.

**GOAL 2:** 100% of our Professional Staff will receive appropriate staff development that is designed to enhance student achievement.

A characteristic of any high-achieving school is preparing the staff to address the data-driven needs of our students and target direct instruction. Throughout the 2022-2023 year, our teaching staff attended weekly PLCs where teachers were guided through data analysis and identified the strategies and instruction needed with the support of our Instructional Coach. In addition, our administration and professional staff had the opportunity to attend meaningful educational conferences. When our teachers are at their best—they will be at their best for our students.

**GOAL 3:** The percentage of meaningful feedback from our Community and Parent Survey will increase from 55% to 90% within the next four years AND our parent/family satisfaction rate will increase from 68% to 85% within the next four years.

Without meaningful feedback from our stakeholders, parents, and community members, our school cannot properly address the needs of our students. We plan on communicating with and involving all stakeholders using the following activities: Back to School Orientation tours; Vision, Data, and iReady Night; technology education sessions for parents and guardians; increasing positive teacher-to-home communication with the use of positive post-cards; utilizing technology to keep parents and families informed on student progress; keeping our school's social media accounts and newsletters current with the achievements of our students and the great things happening at WMS.

# Our Challenges - 2022 - 2023 School Year

The challenges faced by our community are also shared by our students and staff. **At Waccamaw Middle School, we truly believe that the strength of our school contributes to the strength of our community.** We have recognized and identified academic and social deficits within our student body resulting from the challenges in education over the past few years.

Using iReady diagnostic assessments, Mastery Connect benchmarks, and standards-based assessments we have been able to identify the skill and content gaps present within our student body. We have utilized classroom and schoolwide small-group interventions, "Study Buddies,"- an intervention for students with failing quarter grades, department based strategies and high-impact tutoring to address the content and skill gaps identified this year.

The needs of our Warriors do not stop at academics. We are doing our utmost to address mental health concerns as well as establishing appropriate behaviors expected in a school setting. During the 2022-2023 School Year, we have implemented a school-wide PBIS system as well as a whole-school book study of Starfish during Anti-Bullying Month. We will continue to provide Social/Emotional Learning lessons and PBIS programs that address the needs of Waccamaw Middle Students.