



WACCAMAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Improvement Council Annual Report

2023 - 2024

This report was developed through the collaboration of the staff at Waccamaw Middle School and members of the WMS School Improvement Council. This review includes 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 BEST in the Middle School Category in the 2023 Post and Courier Readers Choice Award.
- ◇ Faculty and Students completed quarterly goal setting lessons, focusing on academic and personal growth. These goals were revisited throughout the year during Warrior Time homeroom.
- ◇ The WMS Academic team swept the Georgetown County Academic Team Quiz Bowl under the direction of Ms. Leah Sanders.
- ◇ Our Warriors are College and Career Focused! All students participated in our November Career Day featuring a diverse selection of community businesses and educational paths. In February, WMS held a widely attended Job Shadowing day - where students could explore career options. And in March, our 8th Grade traveled to Myrtle Beach for the Statewide Pathways 2 Possibilities Career Fair.
- ◇ Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Laura Gabriel
- ◇ Support Staff of the Year – Nurse Pam McDill

Fine Arts and Culture

- ◇ 25 Warriors were selected for Georgetown County All County Chorus. Cruz Caviedes (7th) was awarded Most Valuable Performer.
- ◇ 25 Warriors were selected to Georgetown County All County Band.
- ◇ 8th Grade students: Mac Bower, Brayden Wilson, Victoria Artz, Parker Banta, and Logan Sports were all selected to the Region Five Honors Band.
- ◇ Our drama students held a successful rendition of Annie Jr. under the direction of Mrs. Ownbey and Mrs. Klaich.
- ◇ Gabby Morris won the GCSD Winter Holiday Card contest and her work was featured on district Holiday Correspondence.
- ◇ WMS held its second Music in Our Schools Month celebration recognizing WMS musicians.
- ◇ Cruz Caviedes (7th) and Grace Ratliffe (7th) were accepted into the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Summer Programs
- ◇ Artwork from our WMS Warriors was proudly displayed at the District Superintendent awards under the guidance of Ms. Katie Grauke. Brooklyn Smith (7th) won the McInville Art Award and Grace Ratliffe won an Art and Literacy award.

Student Achievement

- ◇ WMS was recognized with an Excellent Rating on our 2022-2023 SC School Report Card—moving up 24 points from the previous Average rating.
- ◇ 25 Warriors scored a Perfect Score on the Algebra I EOC test in 2022-2023. 10 Warriors had perfect scores on SC Ready tests.
- ◇ 11 Warriors were selected as the SC Junior Scholars for their performance on the PSAT.
- ◇ Hazelle Vuich won the local Patriot's Pen Social Studies essay contest.
- ◇ Duncan Rutherford (8th) earned a State-wide Award for the SC Beta Club Convention in the Social Studies category.
- ◇ Avery Fleming (8th) was the winner of the School-wide Spelling Bee. Alex Bauer (7th) won the Schoolwide Geography Bee.

Service

- ◇ Our Warriors raised over \$9,000 for our school through the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser.
- ◇ We collected 4,625 Canned Goods donated to the local Baskervill Food Pantry in Pawleys Island.
- ◇ Our WMS team took the Polar Plunge and won the "Coolest School" - raising \$2,250 for SC Special Olympics in February—the most among GCSD schools.
- ◇ WMS raised over \$6,500 for Alejandro Bernal-Rincon—an 8th Grade student battling cancer.

Athletics

- ◇ WMS B-Team Football were the winners of the HTC Member Bowl between Horry and Georgetown Counties.
- ◇ 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 under Coach Single and Coach Henry.
- ◇ Many WMS Warrior athletes compete on a high school level, with a portion participating in JV or Varsity contests.



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Our Goals: 2023 - 2024 School Year

Using data from our 2023 Annual SC School Report Card, our SC READY Statewide Assessments and our AdvancEd Survey information, our SIC Team developed the following goals for the 2023-2024 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	2023 Data	Projected 2024 Results
7th Grade	71.9%	72%
8th Grade	71.2%	72%

MATH	% of Students who Meet or Exceed Proficiency	
Subject	2023 Data	Projected 2024 Results
7th Grade	50.3%	53%
8th Grade	50.3%	52%

Ultimately, our goal is to achieve 80% proficiency in the above assessments within the next three 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 2023 - 2024 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 11% to 90% within the next three years AND our parent/family satisfaction rate will increase from 68% to 85% within the next three 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 SIC Success: 2023 - 2024 School Year

At Waccamaw Middle School, we truly believe that the strength of our school contributes to the strength of our community and vice versa. We have recognized and identified academic and social deficits within our school resulting from the challenges in education over the past few years. The goal for the SIC this year was to gain more parent participation on the Parent Climate Survey and communicate with our parents regarding the changes that are happening within education and within our school building.

In 2023, WMS had 11% of parents complete the Parent Climate Survey. This parent involvement helps to bridge the communication gap between the school and parents and allows the school to know what areas to improve upon based on the parent feedback. WMS is on the path to hit 50% of parents to complete the Parent Climate Survey for 2024 and we could not be more excited! WMS has made significant progress with this goal and we continue to strive for improvement in all areas to create a learning environment where students are safe, happy, and learning. We enjoy watching our students flourish in academics, arts, athletics, community service, and leadership. We will continue to implement rigorous course offerings, and we are proud to offer the quality educational programs all students deserve. We will celebrate successes in our work and the achievements of our students. **We thank you for being a part of the Warrior Family where... "We Just Can't Hide That WARRIOR PRIDE!"**