

# 2020-2021 Celebrations

## Academics

- WMS Academic Team placed second in the GCSD Junior Academic Bowl.
- Fifteen WMS students qualified as Junior Scholars.
- Stevie Paris won first place for his paper in the Junior division for National History Day for the state and is heading to nationals. He also received \$100 for the Maritime award.
- Tyler Caskie won the WMS Spelling Bee and went on to compete in the regional Spelling Bee.
- WMS Student Ray Barrineau won the regional Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.
- SC Economics Calendar Contest State Winners—Abby Williams and Maisie Davis.
- WMS had 79 students complete and receive their certificate in the Microburst Learning Employability Skills.
- All 7th grade students have received Signs of Suicide Training

## Athletics

- WMS B-Team Girls' Basketball Teams went undefeated 8-0.
- WMS JV Football went 5-1.
- WMS B-Team Boy's Basketball went 6-2.

## The Arts

- Norah Hoppe won the annual holiday card contest for the district.
- The drama club produced a digital Christmas show.

## Humanities

- Ms. Intrieri's Classes sponsored a canned food drive for the local food bank.
- WMS raised over \$5K for the American Heart Association.
- WMS partnered with Belin Methodist Church to provide food for students weekly, Back Pack Buddies.
- Sarah Floyd was named a top five finalist for Rookie Teacher of the Year for the district.
- Whitney Cameron was named WMS Teacher of the Year for the 21-22 school year.
- Downing Hudson won State Teacher of the Year for the Middle School Level SC VFW.
- WMS recognized a Teacher of the Month, and a Support Staff of the Month. Each employee received one complimentary lunch from Pawleys Island Bakery.

## WMS School Improvement Council

### Elected members:

- Allyson Davis Parent
- Janet Devecka, Parent
- Becca McRobbie, Teacher
- Elizabeth Intrieri, Teacher
- Kimberly Rathburn, Chair
- Denise Wahl, Parent

### Appointed Members:

- Denise Bellerio, Community Member
- Aliska Brown, Community Member
- Ginny Haynes, Community Member



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A special thanks goes to our business partner **Santee Cooper** for providing WMS with invaluable resources throughout the year. We would also like to thank local businesses: **Lowes Foods and Pawleys Island Bakery** for their generous contributions to our school throughout the year.

## Waccamaw Middle School



### 2020-2021 School Summary Report

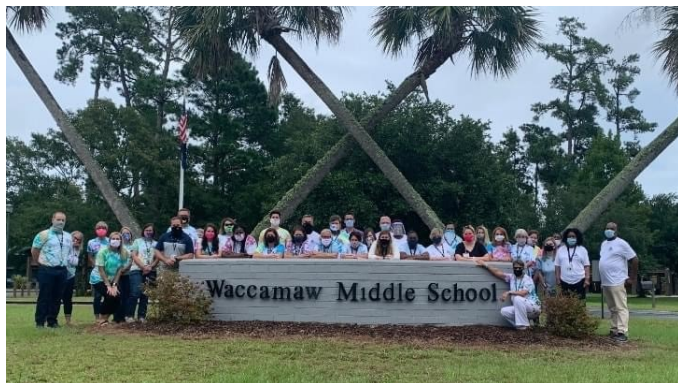
**WMS Mission:** To ensure that every student has the skills to build a strong academic, athletic, and artistic foundation by providing a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that meets individual needs and is delivered in a safe environment by a dedicated, caring staff.

**WMS Vision:** To provide diverse and challenging educational opportunities that prepare all students to be responsible, productive citizens, and lifelong learners.

*Where the Student Comes First*

Ms. Jamie Curry  
Principal

Ms. Kimberly Rathburn  
SIC Chair



## To Our WMS Parents and Community Members

In a collaborative effort with the WMS School Improvement Council (SIC), the School Summary Report has been developed in order to inform all of our stakeholders of the many academic, athletic, and artistic celebrations we have had throughout the 2020-21 school year. Within this report you will find many accomplishments of our students and staff, as well as goals and plans we hope to put into place for the upcoming school year.

Please view the strategic plan we have in place to monitor growth and add to our long list of accomplishments. We want to thank you for all you do to support our students and staff. Without you, none of these celebrations and honors would be possible!

Ms. Whitney Cameron  
WMS 2020–2021  
Teacher of the Year



Jamie W. Curry,  
WMS Principal

### New Additions to Campus

Courtesy of WMS PTSA:

- Provided a Potter's Wheel for art class with Ms. Pantuso
- Granted teachers' wish lists
- Provided lunch on a monthly basis to teachers.

Courtesy of Georgetown County School District:

- Building was freshly painted
- All baseboards replaced
- New Media Center furniture
- Outside gazebo
- New blinds for all windows
- New gym scoreboards
- Security system update

## WMS Performance Goals

Due to COVID-19 and the closure of schools March, 2020, no mandated assessments were administered during the 2019-2020 school year. The state excused all mandated testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Progress monitoring has been implemented through MAP and iReady throughout the 2020-2021 school year. While performance has not been at the typical level, students continue to make gains and have not shown a decrease in growth. With the ever-changing schedules and expectations throughout this tumultuous year, all of our stakeholders have proven steadfastness and resiliency.

However, in order to gauge student growth, MAP and iReady testing have been implemented three times this year through Math and English Language Arts. Below is additional information focusing on i-Ready. You can also research the following website for more information:

<https://www.curriculumassociates.com/products/i-ready/i-ready-learning>

i-Ready Learning: In order to accelerate growth, educators must engage in the necessary work of helping every student address learning gaps while also enabling them to access and be exposed to grade-level learning. *i-Ready Learning's* instructional resources help educators accelerate growth and grade-level learning. These tools provide rigorous and motivating reading and mathematics instruction by tailoring lessons to students' individual levels and needs. It specifically creates personalized pathways to growth with precise instruction that is guided by *i-Ready Assessment* data.

Waccamaw Middle School (WMS) is committed to helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by continuing to strive for excellence through addressing the whole child - socially, emotionally, and academically – despite the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Strategies for Improvement

- **Professional Learning Teams**—School and District Office. Content area teachers to meet weekly at the school level and quarterly at the district level in order to improve teaching and learning for all stakeholders.
- **Implementation and utilization of USA Test Prep**®—To provide students with extended and varied practice for specific content concepts and skills.
- **Capturing Kids' Hearts**—WMS Faculty and Staff trained and participated in this program to elevate the academic and behavioral standards of students.
- **Google Classroom** was taught by WMS teachers for teachers and administrators in order to increase familiarity and knowledge with this system.
- **Character Students of the Month**—Students displaying the monthly character traits were chosen and recognized by teacher each month throughout the year.
- **District Office Instructional Coaches**—Visit our school, make observations and offer professional development for the Powerful Literacy Practices and Powerful Math Practices Instructional Model.
- Part Time Instructional Coach to assist with data collection and analysis
- **School Enrichment Period**— To implement the i-Ready Learning Program and Social Emotional Learning Lessons
- **Advisor/Advisee**— This time will continue to take place once a month
- **PTSA**
- **WMS School Improvement Council**