

2019-2020 Celebrations

Academics

- Waccamaw Middle School was chosen as a National Showcase School for Capturing Kids Hearts for the second year in a row.
- WMS Academic Team placed second in the GCSD Junior Academic Bowl.
- Beta Club currently has eight members. They competed at the State level.
- Twenty-five students were recognized each month as a Character Student of the Month.
- Mason Picco won the school Geography Bee sponsored by National Geographic.
- Five WMS students qualified for Duke Tip Scholar status.
- Twenty students participated at the local level of National History Day. Three of our students qualified for state finals receiving 2nd place for their project.
- One-hundred thirty students qualified for National Junior Honor Society.
- Fifteen members of the WMS student body achieved SC Jr. Scholar status.
- Brendon MacArthur won the WMS Spelling Bee.
- WMS Student Hope Cox won the regional Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.
- SC Economics Calendar Contest State Winner—Ruby Rosenburg.

Athletics

- WMS students participated in B-team, Junior Varsity, and Varsity sports until the onset of the current pandemic.
- WMS B-Team Girls' Basketball Teams were region champs.

The Arts

- Twenty-five students were selected to present their artwork at the Georgetown County Superintendent's Art Awards.
- WMS Chorus earned a rating of Excellent at the State Chorus Festival.
- Thirty-two students were chosen for All-County Band.
- WMS Marching Band-Made it to State Finals-Fourteen WMS kids marched with them.
- Region V Honors Band-Ten WMS kids were chosen.
- Four WMS Students were All State Band Call Backs.
- The drama club worked toward presenting two productions this year.
- Alaina Ward's artwork was chosen as the 2019-20 Principals' Choice Award. See featured artwork to the right.

Humanities

- Student Council raised over \$600 for Community Outreach, they organized a canned food drive for local food banks.
- WMS raised over \$1,600 for the American Heart Association.
- WMS partnered with Belin Methodist Church to provide food for students weekly, *Back Pack Buddies*.
- Beta Club organized a school wide toy collection for Toys For Tots.
- WMS recognized a Teacher of the Month, and a Support Staff of the Month. Each employee received two complimentary lunches from Pawleys Island Bakery.

WMS School Improvement Council

Elected members:

- JaneVonna Caldwell, Parent
- Taylor Hering, Teacher
- Downing Hudson, Teacher
- Kim Williams, Parent—Chair

Appointed Members:

- Jennifer Burger, Community Member
- Travis Klatka, Community Member
- Jamie Curry, Ex-officio



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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, Massey's Pizza, Pawleys Island Bakery, and Chick-Fil-A** for their generous contributions to our school throughout the year.

Waccamaw Middle School



2019-2020 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.

*Where the
Student Comes First*

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

Ms. Jamie Curry
Principal

Ms. Ginny Haynes
Assistant Principal



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 2019-20 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. Stacy Ownbey
WMS 2019-2020
Teacher of the Year



Jamie W. Curry,
WMS Principal
Kim Williams,
WMS SIC Chair

New Additions to Campus

Courtesy of WMS PTSA:

- Provided PE equipment
- Granted teacher's wish lists
- Provided gift bags for our 8th graders

Courtesy of Georgetown County School District:

- Construction all throughout the school building from carpet, tile, painting, H-VAC system replaced to cafeteria extension, pavement restructuring and new security system.
- WMS received more metal detectors

WMS Performance Goals

Due to COVID-19 and the closure of schools back in March of 2020, there were no mandated assessments given for us to address here. The state excused all mandated testing for this past school year.

The 2020-2021 school year will be the last year the district will use MAP testing. MAP testing will still be conducted three times this year through math and English in order to gauge student growth. We will move into the i-Ready Learning program for assessments and growth acceleration after this year. Below is the information about i-Ready. You can also check out the website for more information:

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

i-Ready Learning

To accelerate growth, educators must do the hard work of helping every student address learning gaps while also enabling all students to access 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 that:

- **Personalize** pathways to growth with precise instruction that is guided by *i-Ready Assessment* data
- **Motivate** students to persist in building their skills
- **Provide scaffolded support** that meets the needs of all students, especially English Learners

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 LDC and MDC Instructional Model.
- **School Enrichment Period**— To implement the i-Ready Learning Program
- **Advisor/Advisee**— This time will continue to take place once a month
- **PTSA**
- **WMS School Improvement Council**