

## School Improvement Council Members

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WKMS SIC meets the fourth Monday of the month via ZOOM. If you wish to attend, simply email Mr. Hardie at [dhardie@lexington1.net](mailto:dhardie@lexington1.net)

### **WKMS Mission**

*The mission of White Knoll Middle School is to cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers.*

### **WKMS Vision**

**Empower each child to design the future.**

## **Special School Programs**

Through our partnership with Code to the Future, our students are exploring coding in our Computer Science and Gateway to Technology classes. WKMS is one of only two Code to the Future middle schools in the district.

Our AVID program began its first year at WKMS in 2020–2021. The program continues to grow as we continue to maintain AVID School-wide. We currently have 6 sections of the AVID Elective, with 2 classes per grade level. We currently have 80+ students in the AVID Elective and the program continues to grow. AVID interviews took place in May for new candidates and they went fantastic! We will send 3 staff members to AVID training this summer in Orlando to learn the program. This program will then continue into WKHS for our students.

## **Library Updates**

Over the 2024–2025 school year, WKMS Library has added over 4,500 new print and digital titles, as well as, subscription services for students to access reading materials ALL year long (including in the summer). WKMS hosted two authors in the 24–25 school year, Eden Royce and Frank Baker. In addition, library book circulation has increased 87.6% since 2023–2024.

Mr. Henry, school librarian, won the New Professional Award presented by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians. Mr. Hardie was also selected as the Administrator of the Year by the same organization. WKMS Library is truly thankful for the continued support of all of our students, faculty, and community members.

## **Greetings**

At White Knoll Middle School (WKMS), our vision is to empower EACH child to design the future. To see that vision become reality, we focus on two key priorities: to build relationships with students and parents and to provide excellent instruction and student engagement in all classes — every day. We do this through a heavy focus on growing in Rigor and classroom engagement.

# **White Knoll Middle School**

## **2024–2025 Report to Our Parents**



## **WKMS is SOARING to Success!**

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## Athletic Achievements

The White Knoll Middle School Athletic program prides itself on being one of the only middle schools in Lexington 1 that offers 7th grade teams in football, volleyball, girls basketball and boys basketball. For the 5th straight school year one of our on campus sports captured a Division or Conference Championship. Our Volleyball team won the South Division Championship going an impressive 14-0 in the regular season and advancing to the Conference Championship. WKMS Cheerleading had another great season! The WKMS competitive cheerleading team won their first trophy this season, placing third at Chapin's "Best in the Nest" Invitational. This season our boys basketball team finished with a 3.4 cumulative GPA. They provided experiences within the community such as a player led basketball camp for the homeless of the Midlands. In order to do this we partnered with Family Promise of the Midlands, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, and Ashland United Methodist Church. We also helped lead a hygiene kit drive for the homeless of the Midlands in partnership with Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church Clothes Closet and Food Shelter. Together with our student body, fans, and other teams we were able to contribute nearly 5,000 items. The football team finished with its sixth winning season in seven years, posting a 5-3 record. This year's track and field team demonstrated exceptional dedication and perseverance. Their hard work clearly paid off, as evidenced by their impressive performances in the four March track meets. Leading up to the championships, athletes consistently excelled, securing victories in numerous events. Their outstanding efforts culminated in a strong showing at the championships, with the girls' division placing third and the boys' division placing fifth out of eight competing schools, a testament to their commitment and talent. The White Knoll Warhawks Dance Company had an amazing second season as they placed third at state championships. The WKMS Archery team had another great season and has Emory Roberts won states and is preparing to compete at the NASP Eastern national competition in Louisville, KY. The whole team qualified for nationals as well.

## We are proud that...

- We honor our students achievements at our student led "Honor Hawk" every quarter for grades and other achievements..
- Seven of our 8th grade students qualified as Junior Scholars. We would like to congratulate Anna Baker, Marie Keller, and Koleson Stahr for scoring 550 or higher in Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing or 530 or higher in Mathematics on the PSAT.
- Six WKMS teachers are National Board Certified Teachers and 65% of our teachers have advanced degrees.
- Our teachers have utilized numerous grant opportunities to purchase resources for their students. If you wish to help we can be found on Donors Choose.
- Our Student Council meets all year and worked on school culture and dances. It was great having student leaders voice their perspectives in improving the school.
- Our Positive Behavior Referrals outnumber our Discipline Referrals. Students and Teachers have written over 1,323 Positive Behavior Referrals this school year.
- Students participated in volleyball, football, basketball, cheer, dance, and archery teams on campus as well as on numerous sports teams at White Knoll High School. Approximately 20% of our students participate in interscholastic athletics and/or the WKHS Marching Band.
- Our teachers incorporate several edutools like Pear Deck, Canva, Jamboard, Classroom Screen, and more into their daily instruction to assist in teaching.

## Building Success

- WKMS offers four World Languages including: Spanish, French, Chinese, and Latin for exploratory and high school credit.
- All ELA classes have large classroom libraries with diverse books that meet the needs of a variety of reading levels and interests.
- Our teachers model themselves as readers by participating in a schoolwide book club, posting book badges outside their doors, recording book talks to drive students' interest in books as well as participating in "First Chapter Friday" by reading aloud the first chapter of their favorite books..
- WKMS offers three electives to students daily to increase consistency and exposure to World Languages, the Arts, STEM and CTE classes.
- Our WKMS teachers are committed to providing students with "best practice" and research-based instruction each day. They participate weekly in Professional Learning Communities to ensure alignment to standards, rigor, and high engagement opportunities are provided for ALL students.
- We offered students academic support in math two days each week through a Homework Help Center that was held in the afternoon.
- Through utilization of the Smart Pass digital app, we were able to monitor students movement in the building to improve time spent in instruction.
- We offer a gaming club in the afternoons for those that wish to join.
- Fifteen 8th grade students are participating in our Unified Special Olympics Class and we are continuing to grow our Unified program to include more classes and grade levels this next school year.
- In an effort to help our SPED students grow we meet regularly and focus on math and English scores to make decisions on what to do to help struggling students.