

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Walhalla Middle School (WMS) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. The SIC brings parents, educators and community stakeholders together to work collectively to improve WMS. The SIC is responsible for working with WMS administration and faculty to develop a five-year school improvement plan and evaluating the school's success in reaching the plan's goals and objectives. The WMS SIC has two focus areas: Student Enrichment and Family Engagement.

In the area of Student Enrichment, the SIC created an after school homework program, called Block 5, which launched in the 2014-15 school year. Block 5 was held after school on Tuesdays. Students received help with homework, test preparation and projects. With the movement to our new school, the addition of a 25 minute block of time, called RAZOR period, was added to each student's curriculum for the 2015-2016 school year. RAZOR has provided the opportunity to work with each student daily to ensure work is completed, provide unique learning opportunity and allow computer use. With the implementation of RAZOR, Block 5 was phased out at the beginning of the second semester. The Student Enrichment Team develops targeted academic learning that can be utilized during RAZOR.

In the area of Family Engagement, we have focused on building relationships between students and parents at both WMS and Tamassee-Salem Middle School (TSMS). The goal is to ensure a seamless transition for our students and families for the 2016-17 school year in which the schools are combined. WMS and TSMS SICs have joined forces to bridge the transition.

The WMS SIC welcomes your participation and encourages you to get involved. Thank you for supporting our school and your child's education.

WMS School Improvement Council

The mission of Walhalla Middle School is to work together with the home, business, and community to develop responsible and productive lifelong learners.

We Believe That...

- Education is a lifelong process in which all students can learn.
- Education will meet the needs of a changing society.
- Education will provide opportunities for students to learn effective written and oral communication skills and express ideas creatively.
- Education will address physical, cultural, social and emotional needs of students.
- Students will be expected to accept responsibility to be actively involved in learning.
- All individuals will be treated with dignity, respect and equality.
- Parents and guardians will be expected to be actively involved in their child's education.

Strategic Plan Goals

- 67% of our students will meet their spring-to-spring growth targets on MAP by 2017.
- 95% of instructional staff will make reasonable progress toward their objectives on an annual basis.
- Based on the state parent and student survey tools, WMS will score 80% or greater in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories.

Walhalla Middle School

Home of the
Razorbacks

Scott Dixon
Principal



2015-16

SIC Report to the Parents

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Facebook: Walhalla Middle School

Twitter: @wmsrazors

Radio: AM1630 and razorradio.net

SDOC Superintendent - Michael Thorland Ed.D

School Board Members

Andy Inabinet
Rosemary Bailes
Jerry Lee
Buddy Herring
Denise McCormick

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

- Administrators - 3
- Certified Staff - 53
- Support Staff - 9
- Student/Teacher Ratio - 20:1

ACCREDITATION STATUS

- AdvancedEd
- Making Middle Grades Work Member

PTO

President - Joy Duncan
Vice-President - Olivia Timms
Secretary - Sherry Hopkins
Treasurer - Ashley Jones

WMS SIC MEMBERS

Co-Chairs - Micky Ward and Carrie Dunton

Vice Chair - Kevin Evans

Secretary - Valerie Scholovich

Members - Svetlana Cartner, Sally Clay, Julia Cook, Melinda Fischer, Jackie Holcombe, Sherri Hopkins, Sarah Hunter, Cindy Kelley, Ashley Jones, Sian McDonald, Christie Nix, Amy Norzisan, Stephanie Norris, Jenna Parish, Christy Raab, Olivia Timms and Joy Duncan.

Administrators - Scott Dixon, Nathan Crawford and Krystal Bowen.

Teachers - Sherry Cobb and Liza Smith

ATHLETICS

Mascot - Razorbacks
Colors - Purple and White
Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Cheer

MEDIA CENTER

75 students attended the WMSJBA Celebration
Raised \$1400 on Box Tops
Began Trivia Tuesday during lunch

BAND

- Six students in all region band
- 32 students in all county band
- Fifth year in a row Superior rating at State concert Band Festival
- Three time recipient SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award
- 43 Superior and 13 Excellent ratings at Solo & Ensemble Festival (90 participated)
- Superior with Distinction at State Performance Assessment

CHORUS

- 27 students participated in the Oconee County All-County Chorus
- Guest performers for Clemson Basketball
- Sixth Grade: Superior Rating, First Place Treble Choir, Outstanding Solo in the Music Showcase Festival in Atlanta, GA. Seventh & Eighth Grade: Superior Rating, Second Place Mixed Choir, Outstanding Solo

STRINGS

- Seven students selected for All County Orchestra
- 38 students earned Superior and Excellent Ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival: 28 Superior and 19 Excellent Ratings

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry
English Language Arts, English I
Science
Social Studies
Art, Band, Chorus, Strings
Computer Applications & Keyboarding
Gateway to Technology
Agriculture (New for 2016-17)
Special Education
Physical Education

STUDENT DATA

Enrollment: 801 students
Students on Free Reduced Lunch: 50%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA

DAR Essay Contest Winner
25 Junior Scholars
Six Duke Tip Scholars

END OF COURSE PASSING PERCENTAGE 2014-15

English I - 100% Algebra I - 100%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING SPRING MAP GROWTH TARGETS 2015-16

Subject	WMS	6 th	7 th	8 th
Reading	63.3	64.7	59.1	66.8
Language	64.7	73.8	55.1	68.2
Math	64.3	71.7	58.3	64.8
Science	61.9	66.4	59.6	59.2

SDOC Goal is 60%

*Reading, Language and Math are Spring to Spring
*Science is Fall to Spring