

## Be PURPLE!!!

At Walhalla Middle School, we invite you to join us -- teachers, administrators, staff, students, parents, and the whole WMS community -- as we ALL strive each day to be purple:

Prepared  
Upstanding  
Respectful  
Productive  
Learners  
Everywhere



### WMS 2011 Test Data

#### EOC Passing Rate:

Algebra I - 96.7%

#### PASS Passing Rate:

Social Studies	Math
6 - 77.9%	6 - 75.0%
7 - 58.9%	7 - 81.0%
8 - 79.8%	8 - 77.1%
ELA	Writing
6 - 70.1 %	8 - 73.7%
7 - 79.4%	Science
8 - 73.9%	6 - 64.0%
	7- 77.8%
	8 - 78.3%

### WMS SIC MEMBERS

- Chair /Community Member --Tjag Bagwell
- Appointed Community Members -- Shannon Lusk and Ashley Merck
- Elected Parents -- Lisa Hanvey, Daren Phillis, and Sarah McWhirt
- Administrators -- Principal/Ex-Officio Scott Dixon; Assistant Principal/Ex-Officio -- Corey Willimon; Assistant Principal/Ex-Officio -- Krystal Bishop
- Elected Teachers -- Keith Harrison and Detra Chappell

### Purpose of the Report

*"This report is issued by the Walhalla Middle School School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."*

## Academic Departments

Math  
English  
Science  
Social Studies  
Fine Arts  
Business  
Special Education  
Physical Education



### ATHLETICS

- MASCOT - RAZORBACKS
- COLORS - PURPLE AND WHITE
- 4 Teams Include: Football, B/G Basketball, and Cheerleading

### BAND

- DIRECTOR OF BANDS - GENA SYKES
- Recent Awards
- Performance at Lincoln Center, New York, NY, as Part of the Remembering 9/11 Tribute, 2011
- Festival Disney: Superior Award and Golden Mickey Award for Most Outstanding Middle School Band, 2010
- Six Flags Festival of Bands: Excellent Rating for 6th Grade Band, 2011
- Solo and Ensemble Festival: 21 Superior Ratings; 19 Excellent Ratings, 2011
- All-County Band: 23 Students, including 6 First Chair Players, 2011
- All-Region Band: 4 Players, 2012
- Jazz Band and World Drumming Circle Membership Open to All Band Members as an Extension of the Curriculum

### Chorus

- 2011 Music Showcase Festival at Six Flags Over Georgia: Grand Sweepstakes Award -- Highest scoring group of the festival
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus: Superior Rating; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Treble Choir; Best Alto Section
- Combined 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus: Superior Rating, Best Overall Middle School Choir; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed Choir
- Annual Performance at Clemson University for basketball games at Littlejohn Coliseum
- National Anthem Sung for the Washington Wizards in Washington, DC

# Walhalla Middle School

*Home of the Razorbacks*

### **Principal**

**Mr. Scott Dixon**

*"Be Purple!"*



**2011-2012**

## Report to the Parents

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Facebook: [Walhalla Middle School](#)

Twitter: [@wmsrazorbacks](#)

**2011 School Report Card Rating - "Good"**

**2012 SC Palmetto Silver Award**

**School District of Oconee County  
Superintendent Michael Lucas, Ed.D.**

## Link to Calendar of School Events:

<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/WalhallaMS.cfm?subpage=13253>

## MISSION STATEMENT:

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, practice critical thinking and problem solving 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.
- Students are the focus of an educational process that is valued, shared, and supported by the home, school, business, and community..
- All individuals will be treated with dignity, respect, and equality.
- Parents and guardians will be expected to be actively involved in their children's education.



## ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

Administrators – 3  
Certified Staff – 57  
Support Staff—17  
Student/Teacher Ratio—13.8

## STUDENT DATA

- Enrollment: 731 students.
- Percentage of students on Free Lunch: 45%; Reduced Lunch: 7%

## ACCREDITATION STATUS

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accredited
- Southern Region Education Board affiliated Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) Member

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DATA

### End-of-Course Exams (EOC):

- Exams were given last year to each student enrolled in Algebra I.
- WMS had a passing score of 99.2%.
- One student placed 15th in the state annual MathCounts competition and 3rd in the “Speed Round.”
- WMS has 23 Junior Scholars.



## CURRICULUM

Walhalla Middle School cooperates with James M. Brown Elementary, Keowee Elementary, Walhalla Elementary, and Walhalla High School to provide an elite school system in the Walhalla community. Effectively producing lifelong learners and productive citizens is a goal of this educational system. The success of WMS is credited to the collaboration of each of these Walhalla schools and the School District of Oconee County. Having all of our students earn a high school diploma is a top focus of the Walhalla Schools' goals. Below are the requirements that students will have the opportunity to begin earning at WMS.

## SIC Annual Goals

1. 100% of our students will score met or exemplary on PASS.
2. Structured meetings for teacher collaboration will be provided.
3. Positive behavior initiatives and cultural awareness appreciation will be improved.

## Message from Principal Dixon

This has been a wonderful first year and I am honored to serve WMS as principal. The following strategies have been implemented to achieve our annual goals: creating common benchmark assessments, instituting teacher peer observations, fostering collaboration through grade level meetings, and collaborating during MMGW focus team meetings. Currently, plans are being finalized for the end of the school year as well as planning for next year. Feel free to contact the school to speak to a SIC member or for any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mr. G. Scott Dixon, Principal