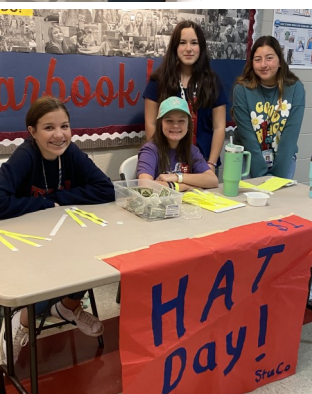


WEST-OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL WARRIORS

Report to the Parents 2023-2024



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A Message from the School Improvement Council:

- ◆ The School Improvement Council's Mission is to partner with the school on initiatives needed to improve the school. The SIC is composed of community members, business partners, parents, teachers, and administrators who work behind-the-scenes to provide opportunities and resources that will support the growth of our future community leaders and responsible citizens. This report serves as a highlight of how the SIC has supported WOMS this year.

School Improvement Council Goals:

- ◆ The SIC came alongside our faculty and staff this year to add support to what was already being done on campus. They worked closely with the Administration team and Reading Coach to support the Family Fun Night and Spring Reading Celebrations. The SIC also encouraged the faculty and staff all year by delivering goody baskets in the workrooms. Their goal was to show their appreciation to our staff all year and not just during Teacher Appreciation Week. Our SIC team also gave our faculty several breaks from lunch duty during the school year so our teachers could connect with each other over special meals.



Academic Successes:

- ◆ Forty-Seven students took the PSAT and seven students qualified for the Junior Scholar Award based on their scores.
- ◆ Eleven students read over twenty books while seventy-six students read ten books in the Spring Semester for the Reading Challenge.

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	WOMS	SDOC	STATE
ELA	44.3	52.1	53.9
MATH	31.4	42.2	40.9

Excellence in Fine Arts:

ART

- ◆ Forty-Eight students participated in the SDOC Art Show this year held at the World of Energy. Art students partnered with Oconee Call to Action to draw posters to stand against bullying and also with the Oconee Soil and Conservation to educate the importance of preserving water through artwork.

BAND

- ◆ Three students were chosen to participate in All-County Band and our band performed for two pep rallies, the Special Olympics parade, and performed two concerts this year. Twenty-Three middle school students participated marching band at WOHS and seventeen students participated in Winter Guard.

CHORUS

- ◆ Twenty-Nine students chosen for All-County Chorus and eight students selected for All-State Honor Choir. Three of WOMS Chorus students were selected to sing at the Southern Region ACDA performance. 7th & 8th Grade Chorus received a Superior rating at the CPA while 6th Grade received a Superior at the Carowinds Music Festival.

ORCHESTRA

- ◆ Strings more than doubled the number of students chosen for All-County Orchestra from West-Oak this year. We had twenty-six students participate in the Region 2 Solo & Ensemble Festival and presented three concerts this year.

Athletic Accomplishments:

BASKETBALL

- ◆ Girls Basketball finished Conference Champions and AOP Tournament Champions.
- ◆ Boys Basketball undefeated Conference Champions and Tournament Finalists.

FOOTBALL

- ◆ Recorded our best Win-Loss record in more than ten years.

VOLLEYBALL

- ◆ Undefeated in Conference and Tournament Champions.

WRESTLING

- ◆ Two Wrestlers had a Top 5 finish in the middle school state tournament.

Warrior Family:

It is our pleasure to provide you with this copy of our 2023-2024 Annual School Summary Report. This report is provided to parents, as well to the School District Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Assistance Act (Act 135) of 1993. The administration and School Improvement Council prepare this summary of our goals and achievements as well as take the opportunity to share our successes with our school community. West-Oak Middle School welcomes and encourages the suggestions of our teachers, students, parents, and community.



Warriors Path to Success: Programs and Initiatives



- ◆ **Beta Club** - WOMS Inducted twenty-eight new members into Beta Club while Beta Club members completed over 550 hours of service to the local community this year. Our Beta Club also collected over 700 shoes to be donated for the Soles 4 Souls program benefiting impoverished people around the world.
- ◆ **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** - The FCA Huddle group meets every Thursday morning averaging ninety students in attendance each week. This is the second year for our FCA leadership program of nineteen students who were committed to leading our students. This year the FCA sponsored a spirit week and collected over 600 cans of food with a \$500 donation to Dot's Kitchen. The huddle group has great support from the Foothills FCA and local churches. FCA would like to thank Foothills Community Church, Life Point Church, Westminster Baptist, and Calvary Church of God for their support with food and speakers on a weekly basis.
- ◆ **FFA (Future Farmers of America)** - The WOMS FFA was recognized this past year at the National Convention in Indianapolis for being a Gold Chapter because of their extra hard work in our school and community. They continued to make a difference in Westminster by participating in Ag Days at the Heritage Fair and collecting 1400 pairs of socks to donate to the local homeless shelter.
- ◆ **Field Trips** - Each grade went to the Roper Mountain Science Center to participate in their STEM programs. The 7th & 8th grade went to Charleston, SC for 3 days this April visiting historic sights and learn about the ecosystem in the low country. The 6th Grade took a day trip to Atlanta to visit the Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta Zoo, and Medieval Times. The Band and Chorus took students to Orlando for a music competition while also visiting Universal Studios and ride a river boat.
- ◆ **Principal's Luncheons** - Principal's Luncheons encourage students to strive for excellence and earn the opportunity to attend a meal at a local restaurant if they maintain a 93 or higher in each of their courses. Luncheons were held at the conclusion of each academic quarter.
- ◆ **Reading Campaign** - In November, we hosted a Fall Fun Fest to support reading literacy. During the evening, we passed out books, played literacy games, and served hotdogs to 259 students and their families. During the spring semester, our 6th and 7th grade students were challenged to keep a tally of their books they read with "Be at 3, Strive for 5, Great at 8, Win with 10, or Many at 20" while 8th grade students travelled virtually down Route 66 counting the pages they read as they traveled. During this reading campaign, 393 students qualified for the February Challenge to complete 3 books, 327 students qualified for the March Challenge of reading 5 books. As of April, 6th grade has read 1,162 books, 7th grade read 1,149 books, and 8th grade students have read 368,918 miles/pages. Our goal is to have 85% of students meet their reading goals and be invited to the participate in the Reading Celebration in May.
- ◆ **Safety and Security** - Several safety and security improvements were made to our campus including plexiglass in the main office, new signage for the building and parking areas to direct emergency vehicles, and a handicap ramp with fencing to the PE field.
- ◆ **Student Council** - The WOMS StuCo has worked hard again this year to support our teachers and students with two Spirit Weeks, the Twelve Days 'till Christmas Break Countdown, Red Ribbon Week, the student Spring Dance, Teacher Appreciation Week, selling hot chocolate, and cleaning up the downtown area for Earth Day. This organization is student-led by student officers leading monthly meetings and heading up committees to make decisions and plan activities for our student body.
- ◆ **Students of the Month** - Each month we recognize eighteen students who have stood out with excellence in their classes and recognize them in the monthly newsletter and announce their name over the intercom.
- ◆ **The Oak Radio Station** - New this year is the Oak 87.9 FM is a short-wave radio station for parents to tune into while dropping off or picking up students on campus to hear the latest news. Announcements are pre-recorded by students weekly. The radio station is in addition to our frequently updated Facebook page and Monthly Newsletters with the goal of finding more ways to communicate what is going on at WOMS with parents and community members.
- ◆ **W3 Incentives** - This year at WOMS, we rewarded students who completed their goals by turning in all assignments halfway through each quarter and passing all core classes called W3 for Warrior Work Week with an extended recess, fun activities, and delicious treats. The W3 also allowed extra time and assistance for students needing to work on missing assignments or pull up grades each quarter.

School Improvement Council

Shawnee Thrift, President
Kelly Donald, Vice President
Rhonda Bible, Secretary
April Gambrell, Principal
Dana McCall, Community Member
Deanna Overholt, Parent

Eddie Payne, Assistant Principal
Susan Ramey, Community Member
Jason Ray, Teacher of the Year
Tyler Swain, Community Member
Missy West, Reading Coach



We are Warriors

- ◆ 656 Students
- ◆ 222 6th Grade
- ◆ 204 7th Grade
- ◆ 230 8th Grade

- ◆ 59 Certified Staff
- ◆ 35 Support Staff

- ◆ 52% Male
- ◆ 48% Female

- ◆ 91% Caucasian
- ◆ 6% Hispanic
- ◆ 2% African American
- ◆ 1% Other



Mission

The mission of West-Oak Middle School is to guide students on their path to being college and career ready.

Vision

West-Oak Middle School will produce students that communicate effectively and solve problems through innovative solutions. We will create a culture and climate where students, faculty, and community all take ownership in the success of our students on their path to becoming college and career ready. This vision will be realized through a variety of learning experiences and opportunities for a career exploration between the school, community, parents, and business leaders.

Leadership Team

Mrs. April Gambrell, Principal
Dr. Candice Brucke, Assistant Principal
Mr. Eddie Payne, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Paula Grogan, Director of Guidance
Corporal Andy McKinney, SRO

The strength of the warrior is the tribe; the strength of the tribe is the warrior.

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