

# WEST-OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL **WARRIORS**

## Report to the Parents 2024-2025



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## *A Message from the School Improvement Council:*

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

For the 2024-2025 school year the WOMS SIC provided welcome packs to new faculty members, supported and participated in Back to School Night, Veteran's Day activities, and Family Fun Night. Some members of the WOMS-SIC represented the school by participating in the Parent and Community Advisory Committee meeting at the county level.

## *School Improvement Council Goals:*

The WOMS SIC goals for the 2024-2025 school year were to encourage teacher retention and recruitment. The council's action in this goal is to support and show appreciation for existing staff by volunteering and coordinating volunteer opportunities.

In the second half of the year, WOMS-SIC partnered with Prisma Health to support volunteer opportunities as well as health and well-being needs at the school.

## *Academic Success:*

- ♦ WOMS Students scored highest in the District for the Q3 Benchmark Test for All 3 Subject Areas Tested!
- ♦ 49 students took the PSAT and 6 students were identified as Junior Scholar Award winners based on their scores.
- ♦ During the Route 66 Reading Incentive, 40 8th graders read all the way across Route 66 (3,000 pages). The 8th grade as a whole read over 265,152 pages.
- ♦ 8th grader Emma Saxon was Runner-Up for the Oconee Chapter DAR essay contest with her submission about Tea Parties of the American Revolution.
- ♦ 72 students were recognized as WOMS Students of the Month for this year based off of their teacher recommendations.

## *Benchmark 3 Testing Data*

	2023-2024	2024-2025	% of Increase
6th ELA	49.3%	53%	3.7 %
6th Math	48.5%	62%	13.5%
6th Science	45.7%	49%	3.3%
7th ELA	26.3%	45%	18.7%
7th Math	23.6%	41%	17.4%
8th ELA	38.7%	50%	11.3%
8th Math	41.2%	51%	9.8%



## *Warrior Family:*

It is our pleasure to provide you with this copy of our 2024-2025 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.

## *West-Oak Warriors Have a Giving Heart:*

West-Oak Middle School Warriors are generous givers. The students, faculty, and staff and their families have donated countless items this year to support our local community, contribute to those in financial need, and donate to people around the world. Some of the donations include the following:

- ♦ During Hurricane Helene teachers came to the school campus while it was closed for three days to make and serve sandwiches, snacks, and bottled water to families who were without power and did not have money for meals.
- ♦ In October, two teachers traveled to Rosman, NC with a truck load of supplies donated by WOMS Warriors for the mountain community. The teachers worked alongside the WOMS reading coach to host a cook-out at her church in NC in order to provide assistance to families who were without power, food, and basic necessities.
- ♦ Beta Club students supported the Fostering Faithfully Ministry by donating diapers and baby wipes during November so that families who foster babies and toddlers have some of the needed supplies.
- ♦ The FCA Leadership Team volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to support the Golden Corner Food Bank by sorting donated products and also packing family boxes for hungry families.
- ♦ Beta Club students contributed their time multiple times during the school year to stay after school to pick up trash and help to keep our school campus beautiful.
- ♦ FCA Students also participated with local churches and the Sleep in Heavenly Peace ministry to build twin beds for children in the county who do not have a bed to sleep in during the month of December.
- ♦ Teachers and staff donated money to help WOMS students go shopping with the Elf Christmas Fund in exchange for wearing jeans on Fridays.
- ♦ In January, the Beta Club and FFA partnered with the Oconee Farm Bureau to collect over 500 items for the Ronald McDonald House.
- ♦ West-Oak Middle was challenged by Walhalla Middle to collect the most money for Breast Cancer or risk the principal getting a pie in the face. WOMS students collected \$870 for the OMH Breast Cancer Foundation but lost the competition.
- ♦ FCA Students collected funds and canned food for Dot's Kitchen, the local soup kitchen, in February. Students collected \$200 and several boxes of canned goods.
- ♦ Beta Club students challenged homeroom classes to collect the most pairs of shoes to win a donut party. During March, students collected 615 pairs of shoes for the Soles for Souls ministry which supplies gently used shoes for lower-economic countries.
- ♦ Students and teachers brought in supplies for firefighters working the Table Rock Fires in March.
- ♦ Beta Club students went on a field trip in March to clean up an historic Farmstead and learn about the history of farming in Oconee.
- ♦ Student Council students walked to the City Park in Downtown Westminster collecting trash along the way as part of their Earth Day celebration in April.





# School Improvement Council

Shawnee Thrift, President  
Susan Ramey, Vice President  
Rhonda Bible, Secretary  
Sherry Bramlett, Community Member  
Jessica Copeland, Parent  
Meredith Evans, Teacher of the Year  
April Gambrell, Principal  
Amanda Martin, Parent

Jamie Martin, Parent  
Eddie Payne, Assistant Principal  
Tavish Panozzo, Parent  
Jason Ray, Teacher  
Antonio Scott, Assistant Principal  
Alicia Swain, Teacher  
Missy West, Instructional Coach



## We are Warriors

- ◆ 665 Students
- ◆ 220 6th Grade
- ◆ 224 7th Grade
- ◆ 221 8th Grade
- ◆ 59 Certified Staff
- ◆ 35 Support Staff
- ◆ 54% Male Students
- ◆ 46% Female Students
- ◆ 90% Caucasian
- ◆ 4% Hispanic
- ◆ 4% African American
- ◆ 2% 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  
Mr. Antonio Scott, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Eddie Payne, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Paula Grogan, Director of Guidance  
Corporal Andy McKinney, SRO



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