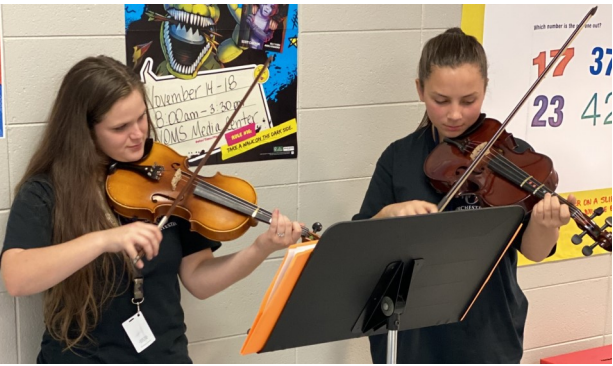


WEST-OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL **WARRIORS**

Report to the People
2022-2023



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Warriors Path to Success: Programs and Initiatives

- ◆ **6th Grade** - Students hosted Meteorologist Sydney Sullivan from WYFF4 to speak during their weather unit. Students also visited the Roper Mountain Science Center to learn more about weather and climate. Clemson University students visited our grade level with live animals to help them learn about animal adaptations.
- ◆ **Beta Club** - Inducted 28 new members into Beta Club while Beta Club members completed over 550 hours of service to the local community this year.
- ◆ **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)** - The FCA Huddle group meets every Thursday morning averaging 95 students in attendance each week. This year our FCA added a leadership program of 19 students who were committed to leading our students. 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)** - FFA Officers prepared monthly “Ag in a Bag” projects for local kindergarten classes, donated Easter baskets to a nursing home, and volunteered at Veteran’s Day and Special Olympics at WOMS. FFA officers also attended the National Convention in Indianapolis and a Greenhand Leadership Camp in Myrtle Beach.
- ◆ **Field Trips** - Each grade went to the Roper Mountain Science Center to participate in their STEM programs. Through support and sponsorship from local businesses, this field trip was made possible to our students at a low cost. We would like to thank Sandvik, Blue Ridge Electric CoOp, Horton, and Koyo Bearings for their financial support. The 7th & 8th grade went to Washington DC for a 5-day trip to our the capital city. Students got to visit Mt. Vernon, Holocaust Museum, US Capitol, Supreme Court, National and American History Museums, Air and Space, and night tours of the monuments around the city. The biggest privilege was that a group of students were selected to lay the wreath on the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. The 6th Grade took a day trip to Atlanta to visit the Georgia Aquarium, Atlanta Zoo, and Medieval Times.
- ◆ **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 reading, and served hotdogs to 800 people including 245 students. Our community helped us with this event by donating 1,083 books for the Book Swap and we gave away almost 900 of those books that afternoon. During the spring semester, our 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.” During this reading campaign, over 5,200 books were read with 85% of students meeting their goals and being invited to the participate in the Reading Celebration in May.
- ◆ **Saturday School** - We offered Saturday School as an alternative to Summer School for the 3rd year in a row. Students who came to Saturday School throughout the year were given extra help to complete their assignments and many pulled up their grades so that they would not be retained.

Academic Successes:

- ◆ Six students qualified for the Junior Scholar
- ◆ Thirty students read over 20 books in the Spring Semester for the Reading Challenge
- ◆ Sixty-Seven students participated in the Biology Merit Exam with 4 students placing in the top 16.
- ◆ Forty-Eight students took the Algebra 1 EOC with 6 students making 100 and a class average of 85.

Excellence in Fine Arts:

ART

- ◆ Fifty students participated in the SDOC Art Show. 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

- ◆ Several students were chosen for All-County Band and our band performed for 2 pep rallies, the Special Olympics parade, and performed 2 concerts this year.

CHORUS

- ◆ Seventeen students chosen for All-County Chorus and 7 students selected for All-State Honor Choir. 7th & 8th Grade Chorus received a Superior with Distinction at the CPA while 6th Grade received a Superior at the Carowinds Music Festival.

ORCHESTRA

- ◆ Four students were selected for All-County Orchestra and the Orchestra presented 3 seasonal concerts.

Athletic Accomplishments:

BASKETBALL

- ◆ Girls Basketball finished Conference Co-Champions and AOP Tournament Champions while working toward their goal of becoming athletes for the next level of play with confidence and knowledge.

FISHING

- ◆ The Fishing Team won Middle School Team of the Year with 2 of the WOMS teams finishing in the Top 10 out of 95 teams in SC.

FOOTBALL

- ◆ Under the leadership of a new coach, our Football team learned how to protect and enhance their character and to believe they have to change if they expect to see change.

VOLLEYBALL

- ◆ WOMS Volleyball were Preseason Tournament Champions, Conference Champions, AOP Conference Champions, and ended the season undefeated by working hard together.

WRESTLING

- ◆ 8th grader, Sy Strobel, was the State Middle School Wrestling Champion.

Warrior Family:

It is our pleasure to provide you with this copy of our 2022-2023 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.

School Improvement Council



Alicia Kelley, President
Kelly Donald, Vice President
Quicha Bryson, Secretary
Eddie Payne, Teacher of the Year
April Gambrell, Principal
Daniel Spencer, Asst. Principal
Shawna Blackwell, Board Member
Christy Towe, Board Member



We are Warriors:

- ◆ 696 Students
- ◆ 59 Certified Staff
- ◆ 36 Support Staff
- ◆ 221 6th Graders
- ◆ 249 7th Graders
- ◆ 226 8th Graders
- ◆ 91% Caucasian
- ◆ 2% African American
- ◆ 5% Hispanic
- ◆ 2% Other
- ◆ 54% Male
- ◆ 46% Female



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
Mrs. Candice Brucke, Assistant Principal
Mr. Daniel Spencer, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Paula Grogan, Director of Guidance
Corporal Samantha Butts, SRO

*The strength of the
warrior is the tribe;
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