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*You Are Cordially Invited.....*



*The Spartanburg District Four Family would like to invite you to the dedication and open house ceremony for the new Woodruff High School.*

Date: Sunday, November 9, 2025

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: 1501 Cross Anchor Road Woodruff, SC 29388

A dedication ceremony will begin in the new gymnasium at 2:00pm and end at approximately 2:30pm. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the school will be open to the public for viewing until 4:00pm. School viewing will not be available until after the conclusion of the dedication ceremony.

Please note that turning lanes, road widening, and traffic lights will not be completed until the spring. All guests should enter from the Miller Road entrance, and park in the student parking lots located behind the school. We will have personnel visible to direct traffic and parking. Guests should enter the building from the back entrance near the gymnasium.

This event marks a monumental milestone for our community. We look forward to sharing with each of you the next addition to the Wolverine Nation.

## **SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN 2026-2027**

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOWING RESTRUCTURING PLAN FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOL START/END TIMES AS WELL AS TRAFFIC PATTERNS WILL BE RELEASED IN THE SPRING OF 2026. ALL DISTRICT FOUR BUILDINGS WILL BE UTILIZED IN THE GRADE RESTRUCTURING.

SCHOOL NAME	GRADE LEVELS	BUILDING
Woodruff Primary School	3-year-old Kindergarten - 1st Grade	Current Primary School
Woodruff Elementary School	2nd Grade - 3rd Grade	Current Elementary School
Woodruff Intermediate School	4th Grade - 5th Grade	Current Middle School
Woodruff Middle School	6th Grade - 8th Grade	Current High School
Woodruff High School	9th Grade - 12th Grade	New Woodruff High School

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# Rakeya Brian named WPS Teacher of the Year

Woodruff Primary School has named Miss Rakeya Brian the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year! Miss Brian is a second-grade teacher in her 13th year of teaching. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education from Converse College and a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Anderson University.

Miss Brian describes her teaching style as student-centered and relationship driven. She believes that every child has unique strengths and abilities and her classroom is built around fostering curiosity, creativity, and confi-



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**Mrs. Casey Dover**  
WPS Principal

dence. Through hands-on learning, collaboration, and a focus on building strong relationships, she creates a classroom community where students

feel safe to take risks, explore ideas, and celebrate their growth.

When reflecting on her favorite classroom moments, she recalls the everyday victories that make teaching rewarding. "It's the look on a child's face when something finally 'clicks'—those instances when a student finally grasps a challenging concept and beams with pride. It's the laughter we share during read-alouds, the teamwork I see when students encourage each other, and the bonds we share that remind me why teaching is so meaningful," she explains.

For Miss Brian, the high-

light of each school year is watching her students transform—not only in reading and math, but also in confidence and character. "The best part of teaching is seeing the whole child grow," she explains.

Her message to fellow educators is one of encouragement and unity:

"My message to other teachers is simple: never forget the impact you have. We have the privilege of shaping futures, one child at a time. On the hard days, remember that your impact reaches far beyond the classroom walls. Stay inspired, lean on each other, and never

underestimate the power of your presence in a child's life. Together, we make a difference."

Mrs. Dover says, "Miss Brian is a fantastic teacher who knows how to connect with students, keep the classroom running smoothly, and truly cares about being an important part of children's lives."

Miss Brian embodies the heart of the profession: a commitment to learning, love for children, and a vision for a brighter future. Miss Brian is honored to be the Woodruff Primary School Teacher of the Year!

## WPS Terrific Kids for First Nine Weeks

Students pictured left to right



### 4K PRESCHOOL TERRIFIC KIDS

Front Row: Meredith Martin, Emerie Mosteller, Liam Ingalls Middle Row: Joseph Davis, Riggs Coggins, Novalie Hudgins, Savannah Ward, Mae Nicolson Back Row: Lucy Atkins, Branton Lamb, Isabelle Young, Nolan Taylor Not Pictured: Adrian Chacon, Leo Rojo, Hunter Rudisill



### KINDERGARTEN TERRIFIC KIDS

Front Row: Lainey Patrick, Crispin Fuller, Mateo Garcia Tovar, Jordan Sullivan, Jemma Jensen, Henry Shirley Middle Row: Nora Kate McElrath, Mateo Moreno, Ellery Bishop, Lillian Simmons, Oakley Trotter Back Row: Maven Brown, Bryar Starnes, Wren Simmons, Aubrey Jo Roper, Maxwell Peralta, Rainy West Not Pictured: Jaxon Gillespie



### 1ST GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS

Front Row: Melody Blaile, Maddie Owens, Ellisyn Montjoy Row 2: Rose Lynch, Samuel Saldana, Kaiden Fitzgerald, Kholsyn Martin, Isaiah Fortner Row 3: Jeremiah Perez-Amaro, JL Hyatt, Cali Rice, Braylen Hennigan, Ganon Dudleson Row 4: Spencer Kirby, Josie Fuentes, Aubree Smith, Blair Robinson, Adler Smith, Josie West Not Pictured: Prim Sugalski



### 2ND GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS

Front Row: Katherine Guzman Ramirez, Dominique Grant, Amia Nguyen, Briggs Brown, Summer Brissie Row 2: Bryleigh Branch, Easton Exum, Wilton Jones, Kassidy Goodman, Peyton Niemela Row 3: Yurani Canales-Cortes, Chesney Nelson, Ryland Bullock, Grayson Rhodes, Elliana Moore, Daniel Kulgavvy Row 4: Naomi Sou, Seth Kowallek, My'zel Moates, Ariyah Fuller, Aubrynn Williams Not Pictured: William Hobbs



## New Additions to the WPS Staff

Joining the teaching staff at WPS for the 2025-2026 school year: Front Row: left to right: Mrs. Emily Carroll (1st), Mrs. Kayla Stone (assistant), Mrs. Jennifer Brown (5K), Mrs. Linda Watson (special ed), Mrs. Bethany Murray (special ed assistant), Miss Maegan Entwistle (4k assistant), Mrs. Grace Jones (5K), Mrs. Mary Beth Campbell (speech), Mrs. Kayla Griffin (1st assistant). Back Row: Mrs. Yulonda Elmore (resource), Mrs. Angie Long-Gore (1st), Miss Kandace Bouchicas (5K), Mrs. Heather Williams (5k assistant), Mrs. Heather Johnson (4K assistant), Mr. Jason Settle (PE), Mrs. Brandy Garcia (resource assistant), Mrs. Sarah Oliver (1st assistant). Not pictured: Mrs. Mackenzie Jackson. We are so glad they have joined our WPS family.



**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS VISIT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE UPSTATE**  
Kindergarten students enjoyed a field trip to The Children's Museum of the Upstate. Students had the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering, art and math through engaging activities.



### SECOND GRADE STUDENTS ENJOY A VISIT FROM TRINITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Second grade classes had a special visit from the Trinity Fire Department. Students learned about fire safety, what to do if a smoke alarm goes off in their house. They got to see a firefighter in full gear to see what firefighters look like when coming to help. The students enjoyed seeing the fire trucks and trying on parts of the firefighter's suit. Thank you, Trinity Fire Department, for coming to speak with our students!



# First Nine Weeks Awards Day at Woodruff Elementary

## 3rd Grade

### A Honor Roll

**MS. BLACKLEY:** Emily Blaile, Myla Jensen, Seven Kelly, Charley Lancaster, and Brad Stewart  
**MRS. COLE:** Madelyn Spurlin and Cody Wiley  
**MS. GRIER:** Leah Atkins, Carson Fleemin, and Gracie Guastaferro  
**MRS. LEWIS:** Isaiah Lawson, Emery Lineberger, and Sebastian Pipkin  
**MRS. MCKOY:** Aiden Buhler, Andersyn Duncan, Connor McGahee, A'brea Smith-Long, Callum Tucker  
**MS. MCNEELY:** Larkin Harper and Simeon Watson  
**MS. SMITH:** Kai Chu and Rachael Pettay  
**MRS. STRIBLING:** Reed Broadway, Adalyn Graves, Charlotte Harakas, Aiden McKoy, and Lila West  
**COACH TAYLOR:** Thomas Saye  
**MRS. WEST:** Aiden Dunn, Hunter Hudson, Capri Sugalski, Noah Wojtun, and Elijah Wylie

## 4th Grade

### A Honor Roll

**MRS. BAYNES:** Eli Fenley, Zoey Niemela, Sophie Ramos Ralph, and Ellie Vance  
**DR. BRANNON:** Valerie Brock, Allen Collen, Mikayla Gardner, Liam Pipkin, Kaden Staggs, and Blakely Wood  
**MRS. GRAHAM:** Kharai Alexander, Makai Flynn, Madison Mabry, Elias Sawczuk, Charleston Smith, and Zymeria Worthy  
**MRS. HARRISON:** Mariyah Allen, Harper Blighton, Hadleigh Coppedge, Kashton Faulkner, Tre Gary, Erin Gordon, Rebeka Guzman Ramirez, Aaron Hernandez, Ladson Knighten, Emery Pettit, and Lauren Putnam  
**MRS. PITT:** Antonia Acosta Guzman, Harvest Allen, Savannah Hill, Truett Phillips, and Paisley Price  
**MRS. ROMANOV:** Breonnah Elmore and Savannah Gilliam  
**MRS. STONESIFER:** Lilyauna Brewster, Conner Craft, Brentley Lowe, Axl Williams, Carmen Williams, Anzley Foster, and Grant Sewall  
**COACH TAYLOR:** Mariana Martinez, Jose Francisco Martinez-Nesbitt, Wyatt Shearin, and Bryson Stevenson  
**MRS. WALLACE:** Brooke Crain, June Harrell, Aubrey Lawrence, and Sharjeel Rayan  
**MRS. WATSON:** Alyssa Entwistle, Colten Foster, Silas Lambert, Ryan Matz, Avril Sanders, Cruz Swanson, and Blaise Wright  
**MS. G. YOUNG:** Willow Dill, Lincoln Duerk, Everly Gardner, Maydon Sanchez, Hunter Stewart, and David Tranquilino-Urieta

## 5th Grade

### A Honor Roll

**MR. CONNOLLY:** Bonnie Bynum, Rayonna Cunningham, Landon Fuels, Harmony Jones, and Anthony Mihai  
**MRS. GAFFNEY:** Kendall Caldwell, Tiger Chu, Autumn Cochran, Gage Davis, Celsa Godinez, Jameson Smith, Avery Stonesifer, Elizabeth Whitmore, and Coralie Wright  
**MS. JACOBI:** Braelynn Horton, Aubrey Morgan, and Kennedy Poteat  
**MRS. MOSTELLER:** Harper Kate Rogers  
**MS. RECTOR:** Marian Figueroa, Isaac Gentry, Logan Prince, and Sariah Scott  
**MRS. THOMPSON:** Lainey Burch, Peyton Parris, and Justice Scruggs  
**MS. TOLLISON:** Sienna Arroyo, Emi Peralta, Katherine Sink, and Lorelai Urps  
**MRS. WILLIAMS:** Charis Avrett, Andrew Mihai, Riley Palomino, Tanner Pugh, Preslee Taylor, and Keefer Young  
**MRS. E. YOUNG:** Noah Cook, Bentley Matthews, Sofia Valle, and Adhir Vazquez

## 3rd Grade

### A/B Honor Roll

**MS. BLACKLEY:** Everett Fuller, Malia Lane, Harrison Layton, Sara Ordenez-Castano, Moises Picado-Rivas, Colton Turner, and Maya Westfield  
**MRS. COLE:** Hazel Hernandez-Olmos, Raelynn Holmes, Jett Manly, Peyton Nabors, and Caroline Sorrow  
**MS. GRIER:** Abram Clutter, Felicity Hill, Joshua Jenkins, and Cameron Mock  
**MRS. LEWIS:** Annalise Bater, Chandler Bingham, Juniper Ebert, Gaston Gibson, Edward Murdock, Kaylyn Smith, and Wyatt Varner  
**MRS. MCKOY:** Christian Daniel, James Glenn, Valerie Goins,

Ensley Page, Amaia Pino-Guzman, Scarlet Ruff, and Rowen Stone

**MS. MCNEELY:** Emerson Deahl, Sophia Herrera, Hadleigh Morgan, Timothy Vinson, and Maiya Yang  
**MS. SMITH:** Abigail Cruz, Caylin Horton, Brees Johnson, Austin Lane, James Pike, Addie Santos, Raegan Stephen, and Evan Vernon  
**MRS. STRIBLING:** Aysa Borja, Emmett Peters, Karim Roman, and Liam Thao  
**COACH TAYLOR:** Emma Lawrence, Joseph Loyd, and Chance Pickens  
**MRS. WEST:** Azalea Godinez, Brayden Hunter, Isabella Mills, William Simmons, and Landen Workman  
**MRS. E. YOUNG:** Kyanna "Kiki" Westfield

## 4th Grade

### A/B Honor Roll

**MRS. BAYNES:** Kenna Autaubo, Makenzie Henderson, Matthew Henderson, Paisley Hill, Dominic Huffman, Emily Reece Knighton, Hannah McLaughlin, Hunter Safrit, Brooklyn Smith, and Koen Smith  
**DR. BRANNON:** Daisy Childers, Stephen Elliott III, Alaina Hill, Kensley Miller, Akira Rose, Avery Squibbs, and Leah Vernon  
**MRS. GRAHAM:** Riley Bowman, Eliana Busko, Jose Chacon-Lopez, Aliyah Hughes, Deacon Woodbury, and Ezra Young  
**MRS. HARRISON:** Kevin Bingham, Easton Crain, Caden Faulkner, and Harmony Gist  
**MRS. PITT:** Paisley Carroll, Lucius Cathcart, Alexander DeJesus, Owen Harnage, Mariam Rozvodovska, and Nolen Taylor  
**MRS. ROMANOV:** Thomas Reid Atkins, Maxton Gibson, Bryson Hinojos, Christopher Laubach, Finley Neal, and Landon Williams  
**MRS. STONESIFER:** CJ Howell, Ryder Landers, Penny Oetken, Ryleigh Patrick, Jackson Rogers, Keigan Salter, Da'Naja Williams, and Aleena Smith  
**COACH TAYLOR:** Evelyn Yachaina  
**MRS. WALLACE:** Bella Brown, Zachary Cannady, Sawyer Cartee, Kayden Galloway, Henlee Harrelson, Kenneth Cole Holliday, Kinley O'Shields, Charlotte Simmons, and Zaelyn Speaks  
**MRS. WATSON:** Silas Johnson, Kylah Murphy, Trinity Rivera, and Caroline Smith  
**MRS. E. YOUNG:** Elliott Collins, Damian Dominquez Martinez, and Austin Miller  
**MS. G. YOUNG:** Madison Alexander, Blain Collins, Tanner Dixon, Brayden Horton, Trey Moore, Lucca Oliveira Santos, and Paisley Williams

## 5th Grade

### A/B Honor Roll

**MR. CONNOLLY:** Brooklynn Causey, Olysia Gilliam, Gabriel Jeter, Cayse Mejia-Flores, Kelvin Morton, Kaliyah Scott, and Jaelyn Williams  
**MRS. GAFFNEY:** Rhett Anthony, Rhylee Bennett, Lucas McCarty, Lacie Redd, Ty'liah Rogers, and Austin Silvers  
**MS. JACOBI:** Tristyn Clements, Selah Coe, Phoenix Dixon, Anijah Hayes, Rylie Mulak, Ariyona Rice, Jason Romanov, and Mackenzie Wylie  
**MRS. MOSTELLER:** Lina Brock, Itza Campos, Aubri Davis, James Paschetta, Creed Ruppe, Cash Smith, Maecyn Sorrow, Mason Monroe, and Conley Williams  
**MS. RECTOR:** Kingston Gist, Rory Harris, Emma Keating, Emily Morton, Savannah Mosley, Vera Parchuk, Gilberto Ramos, Reid Siskey, Jonoah Walls, and Nevaeh Woodruff  
**MRS. THOMPSON:** Avery Addis, Samhith Arvapalli, Gabriel Cauthren, Memphis Glass, Abigail Harris, Rebekah Jennings, Breanna Johnson, Rosa Jose, Knox Kennedy  
**MS. TOLLISON:** Rayden Blandin, Alli Delgado, Cason Shuler, Aidan Thompson, and Michael Woodward  
**MRS. WILLIAMS:** Ireuna Dawkins, Lincoln Duddle-son, Elizabeth Edwards, Kameron Ging, Skylan Greer, Willow Grimm, Nora Harrell, Audrey Hart, Skyler Phillips, Easton Rogers, and Tessyann Smith

## 3rd Grade

### Perfect Attendance

**MS. BLACKLEY:** Emily Blaile, Bayley Jones, Seven Kelly, Sara Ordenez Castano, and



Third Grade Terrific Kids



Fourth Grade Terrific Kids



Fifth Grade Terrific Kids



STUDENT COUNCIL 2025 - 2026

### 3rd grade:

Aiden Buhler, Hunter Hudson, Rowen Stone, Leah Atkins

### 4th grade:

Silas Johnson, Alyssa Entwistle, Conner Craft, Ellie Vance

### 5th grade:

Sariah Scott, Peyton Parris, Kendall Caldwell, Avery Stonesifer, Creed Ruppe

Maya Westfield  
**MRS. COLE:** Braxten Hatten, Juliet Henriquez, Jase Hewitt, Jett Manly, Chris Moon, and Alexis Whiteside  
**MS. GRIER:** Leah Atkins, Aubrianna Delgado, Jesse Estrada, Carson Fleemin, Kalea Pridemore, Thomas Simpson, and Remington Werner  
**MRS. LEWIS:** Liam Chaney, Gaston Gibson, Keegan Hatten, Jacob Kovalskiy, Emery Lineberger, and Addalyn Wilson  
**MRS. MCKOY:** James Glenn, Zeldia Hudson, Ensley Page, Amaia Pino-Guzman, Lily Smith, A'brea Smith-Long, Rowen Stone, and Callum Tucker  
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**MRS. WEST:** Hunter Hudson, Amari Puentes, Jada Reid, Kymleigh Sloan, Capri Sugalski, Iris Watkins, Landen Workman, Elijah Wylie, and Grayson Zampell

## 4th Grade

### Perfect Attendance

**MRS. BAYNES:** Tadeo Aragon Murrieta, Kenna Autaubo, Makenzie Henderson, Emily Reece Knighton, Kimberly

Martinez, Zoey Niemela, Chase Norman, Sophie Ramos Ralph, Koen Smith, and Ky'Honesty Sullivan  
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## 5th Grade

### Perfect Attendance

**MR. CONNOLLY:** Payton Cochran, Saylor Cook, Rayonna Cunningham, Olysia Gilliam, Brantley Henderson, Harmony Jones, Anthony

Mihai, Kelvin Morton, Konner Stone, and Jaelyn Williams  
**MRS. GAFFNEY:** Rhett Anthony, Aiden Brown, Gage Davis, Ki'Oshia Robinson, Cassidy West, and Coralie Wright  
**MS. JACOBI:** Phoenix Dixon, Komorise Foster, Malaysia Gray, Anijah Hayes, Amia Jeter, Bentley Navarrete, Ariyona Rice, Wesley Woodward, and Mackenzie Wylie  
**MRS. MOSTELLER:** Itza Campos, Bella Dela Garza, Adalee Jones, Sierra Martin, James Paschetta, Maecyn Sorrow, and David Wood  
**MS. RECTOR:** Todd Barnette, Elena Burlikowski, Emily Morton, Logan Prince, Taten Quinn, Penelope Simpson, and Jonoah Walls  
**MRS. THOMPSON:** Avery Addis, Gabriel Cauthren, Samantha Cook, Xylon Gordwin, Rebekah Jennings, Breanna Johnson, Rosa Jose, Cameron McGlothlin, Alexis Sanders, and Jeremiah Young  
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**MS. MCNEELY:** Alivia Meredith and Desmond Stevenson  
**MS. SMITH:** Caylin Horton and Tyrus Pike  
**MRS. STRIBLING:** Reed Broadway and Adalyn Graves  
**COACH TAYLOR:** Joseph Loyd  
**MRS. WEST:** Capri Sugalski and Noah Wojtun

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**MRS. GRAHAM:** Eliana Busko and Makai Flynn  
**MRS. HARRISON:** Tre Gary and Rebeka Guzman Ramirez  
**MRS. PITT:** Savannah Hill and Zayden Wedman  
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## 5th Grade

### Terrific Kids

**MR. CONNOLLY:** Cayse Mejia-Flores and Konner Stone  
**MRS. GAFFNEY:** Jameson Smith and Coralie Wright  
**MS. JACOBI:** Tristyn Clements and Zackery Maggio  
**MRS. MOSTELLER:** Itza Campos and James Paschetta  
**MS. RECTOR:** Brantley Jennings and Sariah Scott  
**MRS. THOMPSON:** Ana Martinez and Peyton Parris  
**MS. TOLLISON:** Alli Delgado and Kayson Harper  
**MRS. WILLIAMS:** Tanner Pugh and Tessyann Smith  
**MRS. E. YOUNG:** Noah Cook



## Barry Wash Named WES Teacher of the Year

Mr. Barry Wash was chosen as Woodruff Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. He has been in education for 41 years. He has served as band director in Allendale County, Edgefield County and Spartanburg School District Three. He served as Band Director at Woodruff Middle and Woodruff High School for nine years. Mr. Wash has been the music teacher at Woodruff Elementary since 2017. He was named Woodruff High School Tacher of the Year in 2013 and continues to this day with unwavering dedication, passion for education, and a commitment to student success. Mr. Wash has gone above and beyond in creating a positive, engaging, and inspiring learning environment for all his students. Whether it's through his love of music, fostering an environment where every learner feels seen, heard, and valued, Mr. Wash embodies the very best of what it means to be an educator. Students thrive under Mr. Wash's guidance; colleagues admire his leadership, and our entire school community is better because of him. On his time off, Mr. Wash enjoys fish-

**Mr. Wash brings passion, creativity, and heart to the classroom every single day**

**Mrs. Giada Parris**  
WES Principal

ing with his wife, Pamela, and playing golf. Mrs. White, his colleague, said, "His love for teaching is evident daily through his interactions with both students and faculty." Mr. Wash said, "I am humbled that after 40 years in the classroom, I am still relevant and able to impact and make a difference in the lives of all my students. If it's not good enough for my child, then it's not good enough for someone else's child." Mrs. Parris notes that he brings passion, creativity, and heart to the classroom every single day. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your students and the entire school community!

Please check out <https://wes.spartanburg4.org> for more school details, photos, and up-to-date information.



## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

The Woodruff Middle School Lady Cubs went undefeated in the Foothills Conference with a record of 10-0. The Cubs were also the Foothills Conference Volleyball Tournament Champions.



## New Additions to the WES Staff

Joining the teaching staff at WES for the 2025-2026 school year: Front Row: Christopher Connolly, Patricia Mosley, Ebony Blackley, and Leslie Stribling Back Row: Ashly Graham, Reagan Lewis, Summer Baxter, and Yelena Romanov



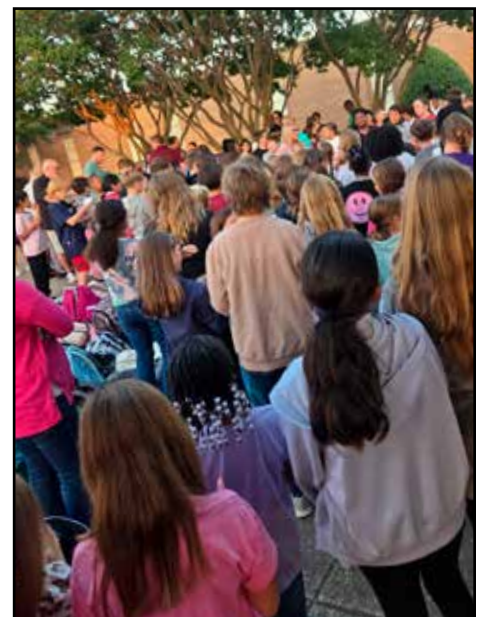
### 4K FIELD TRIP TO STEWART FARMS

During the month of October, 4K students enjoyed a field trip to Stewart Farms. Students were able to take a ride on the wagon, tour the farm, and learn the process of growing pumpkins. Each student was able to pick their own small pumpkin to take home.



### FRIDAY HIGH FIVES

Woodruff Primary School students look forward to high fives, pictures, and hugs on Fridays as they are greeted by seniors from Woodruff High School that are involved in different sports. The children admire these players and absolutely love seeing them on Friday mornings! This program puts a smile on their face and provides such a positive start to their day. Many of the seniors attended WPS and enjoy seeing their teachers from the past!



### WPS DUDES ON DUTY

WPS has a new initiative to include more positive male role models on campus. Parents can volunteer to assist with morning drop-off procedures. If interested in participating, please contact the school. All volunteers must have an approved background check.



### SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See You at the Pole is a global day of student prayer. Students from WPS, WES and WMS, along with many supporting adults, gathered at their school's flagpole on Wednesday, September 24th to pray for each other, our community, and our nation.

# Woodruff Middle School Athletes of the Week



Bella Westmoreland - volleyball (left)  
Carson Grimes - football (right)



Left to right: Zoey Jayne Lawson - cross country,  
Bellashea Shulz - volleyball, Audrey Crain - volleyball,  
Coleman Fulmer - cross country



Heidi West - volleyball (left)  
Carson Calhoun - football (right)

# Winter Athletic Schedules

## 2025-26 Varsity Girls' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11-11	Clinton (Scrimmage)	Away	6:00
11-13	SSC (Scrimmage)	Away	6:00
11-18	Landrum (Scrimmage)	Away	6:00
11-22	Coach Varner Tipoff Classic	Home	9:30 am
11-24	Coach Varner Tipoff Classic	Home	6:00
11-25	Coach Varner Tipoff Classic	Home	6:00
12-2	Greer	Away	6:00
12-3	Laurens	Home	6:00
12-5	Chesnee	Home	6:00
12-10	Laurens	Away	6:00
12-12	Fountain Inn	Away	6:00
12-15	Greer	Home	6:00
12-19	Chesnee	Away	6:00
12-20	Christmas Tournament	Lexington	TBA
12-22	Christmas Tournament	Lexington	TBA
1-6	Fountain Inn	Home	6:00
1-9	Broome	Away	6:00
1-13	Greer Middle College	Home	6:00
1-16	MVP	Home	6:00
1-20	Chapman	Home	6:00
1-23	Union County	Away	6:00
1-27	Broome	Home	6:00
1-30	Greer Middle College	Away	6:15
2-3	MVP	Away	6:00
2-6	Chapman	Away	6:00
2-10	Union County	Home	6:00

## 2025-26 Varsity Boys' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12-2	Greer	Away	7:30
12-3	Laurens	Home	7:30
12-5	Chesnee	Home	7:30
12-10	Laurens	Away	7:30
12-12	Fountain Inn	Away	7:30
12-15	Greer	Home	7:30
12-19	Chesnee	Away	7:30
12-22	Greenville Home School	Home	7:30
1/2-3	FCA New Year's Tournament	Home	TBA
1-6	Fountain Inn	Home	7:30
1-9	Broome	Away	7:30
1-13	Greer Middle College	Home	7:30
1-16	MVP	Home	7:30
1-19	MLK Tournament	Laurens	3:30
1-20	Chapman	Home	7:30
1-23	Union County	Away	7:30
1-27	Broome	Home	7:30
1-30	Greer Middle College	Away	7:45
2-3	MVP	Away	7:30
2-6	Chapman	Away	7:30
2-10	Union County	Home	7:30

## 2025-26 JV Girls' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12-4	Laurens	Away	6:00
12-5	Chesnee (WMS)	Home	5:00
12-8	Laurens	Home	6:00
12-11	Fountain Inn	Home	6:00
12-13	Chapman tournament	Away	TBA
12-19	Chesnee	Away	5:00
12-20/22	Lexington tournament	Away	TBA
1-5	Fountain Inn	Away	6:00
1-8	Broome	Home	6:00
1-12	Clinton	Away	6:00
1-14	Landrum	Home	6:00
1-21	Chapman	Away	6:00
1-22	Union County	Home	6:00
1-26	Broome	Away	6:00
1-29	Clinton	Home	6:00
2-5	Chapman	Home	6:00
2-9	Union County	Away	6:00

## 2025-26 JV Boys' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12-4	Laurens	Away	7:15
12-5	Chesnee (WMS)	Home	6:15
12-8	Laurens	Home	7:15
12-11	Fountain Inn	Home	7:15
12-13	Chapman tournament	Away	TBA
12-19	Chesnee	Away	6:15
12-22	Greenville Hurricanes	Home	6:00
1-5	Fountain Inn	Away	7:15
1-8	Broome	Home	7:15
1-14	Brashier	Home	7:15
1-21	Chapman	Away	7:15
1-22	Union County	Home	7:15
1-26	Broome	Away	7:15
1-29	Greer Middle College	Home	7:15
1-30	Greer Middle College	Away	5:00
2-5	Chapman	Home	7:15
2-9	Union County	Away	7:15

## 2025-26 Varsity Wrestling

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11-25	Greenwood (Scrimmage)	Away	5:00
11-26	Girls' Round Robin (Scrimmage)	Home	9:00 am
12-2	Landrum	Away	6:00
12-4	Palmetto	Away	6:00
12-6	Fury Invitational	Away	9:00 am
12-10	Clinton/Christ Church	Home	6:00
12-12	Greenwood Round Robin	Away	TBA
12-13	Greer Invitational	Away	9:00 am
12-20	Air Force Duals	Boiling Springs	9:00 am
12-20	Chesnee Invitational (Girls)	Away	9:00 am
12-27	TL Hanna Invitational	Away	9:00 am
1-3	West-Oak Invitational	Away	9:00 am
1-7	Broome	Away	6:00
1-10	Byrnes Invitational (Girls)	Away	9:00 am
1-13	Chesnee	Away	6:00
1-15	MVP	Home	6:00
1-17	Spartanburg County	Spartanburg HS	9:30 am
1-21	Chapman	Home	6:00
1-24	Winter Classic	Wade Hampton	9:00 am
1-24	State Qualifier (Girls)	Boiling Springs	9:00 am
1-28	Union County	Away	6:00

## 2025-26 Middle School Wrestling

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11-22	Pre-season tournament	Hillcrest	TBA
12-2	Landrum	Away	6:00
12-4	Palmetto	Away	6:00
12-10	Clinton/CCES	Home	6:00
12-13	Spartanburg County	McCracken	TBA
12-16	Hillcrest	Home	6:00
12-18	HPA	Home	6:00
1-7	Broome	Away	6:00
1-10	Area Qualifier	Boiling Springs	TBA
1-13	Chesnee	Away	6:00
1-17	Sectional Qualifier	Clover	TBA
1-24	Carolina Invitational	Lexington	TBA

## 2025-26 Middle School Girls' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11-20	Gable (Scrimmage)	Away	4:30
11-24/25	Abner Creek Tour	Away	4:30
12-4	Ewing	Away	5:00
12-8	Blacksburg	Home	5:00
12-11	Open		
12-15	Chesnee	Home	5:00
12-18	High Point Academy	Home	5:00
1-8	Mabry	Away	5:00
1-12	Sims	Home	5:00
1-15	Jonesville	Home	5:00
1-20	Landrum	Home	5:00
1-26	Campobello-Gramling	Away	5:00
1-29	Clifdale	Away	5:00

## 2025-26 Middle School Boys' Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11-20	Gable (Scrimmage)	Away	6:15
11-24/25	Abner Creek Tour	Away	5:45
12-4	Ewing	Away	6:15
12-8	Blacksburg	Home	6:15
12-11	Open		
12-15	Chesnee	Home	6:15
12-18	High Point Academy	Home	6:15
1-8	Mabry	Away	6:15
1-12	Sims	Home	6:15
1-15	Jonesville	Home	6:15
1-20	Landrum	Home	6:15
1-26	Campobello-Gramling	Away	6:15
1-29	Clifdale	Away	6:15



# New Additions to the WMS staff



Woodruff Middle School welcomes these staff members who are new to the school. Left to right: Jackson Smith, Ashleyjean Ellis, Sharon Beeks, Heather Perry, Lisa Morrow, Jerry Wood



## Nikki Clutter named Spartanburg District Four Teacher of the Year

The 2025-2026 Spartanburg County School District Four Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Nikki Clutter. Mrs. Clutter is a Special Education teacher at Woodruff Middle School (WMS). She has seven years' experience, with the last five being at WMS.

Nikki Clutter is a Woodruff native and a 2004 Woodruff High School graduate. She is married to her best friend, Matthew, and they have four children that all attend Woodruff schools. She considers it an honor to represent the same school district that she had the blessing of growing up in. She graduated from college in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts from USC-Upstate in Special Education with a focus in learning disabilities. After graduating and teaching one year of high school in a neighboring district, she took a ten-year break in teaching to support her own children as a stay-at-home mom. However, in 2020, she felt the call to return to the classroom. She has spent most of those years back at home in Spartanburg Four at WMS.

She is passionate about creating a supportive and loving classroom environment for each of her students and is often referred to as "School Mama". Mrs. Clutter also has a strong passion for teaching and supporting students with different abilities and believes that every student deserves the same opportunities, both in education and extracurricular activities. Recently, Mrs.

**Mrs. Clutter is** a supporter for her students and the entire school program. She works with her students to become an advocate for themselves.

**Scott Lawson**  
WMS Principal

Clutter was also selected as a Hub City Spartanburgers "Teacher of the Game" where she was recognized at a baseball game. Upon receiving the recognition for WMS Teacher of the Year, as well as District Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Clutter stated that she is "very thankful for her school family and that she could not do what she is able to as a Special Educator without the love and amazing support from all the teachers, administration, and staff she works alongside each day. It is truly a team effort, and we are blessed with the best!"

Principal Scott Lawson states, "Mrs. Clutter is a supporter for her students and the entire school program. She works with her students to become an advocate for themselves. We are proud to have her represent WMS as our teacher of the year and District Four Teacher of the Year."



# WMS Honor Roll for First Nine Weeks

### Sixth Grade A Honor Roll

Martin Alvarez-Lopez, Colt Atkins, Riley Berryhill, Raegan Brooks, Pyper Burch, Braddock Carter, Lucas Dickard, Bradley Entwistle, Abbigayle Gardner, Cowen Graves, Sebastian Guastaferro, Weston McPherson, Danna Montes Yanez, Kinsley Morgan, Clemente Pacheco Medina, Rosalia Perez, William Poteat, Eli Quick, Beckett Renfrow, Amaya Rice, Maximus Sanchez, Caden Thomas, Hamilton Zellner

### Sixth Grade A/B Honor Roll

Tyler Abbott, Lucas Allison, Mateo Bedoya-Garcia, Josue Belteton-Aguirre, Ashlyn Benitez, Amaya Brown, Whitney Bynum, Ansley Capps, Dominic Cogdell, Jace Conyers, Liam Cribbs, Virginia Dees, Ali Dixon, Addie Elmore, Aiden Fields, John Gonzalez-Perez, Aleia Greene, Emma Griffin, Vitaliy Hamza, Sidney Harris, Ed Harris, Ethan Hudson, Evan Hudson, Abigail Hurt, Allionnah Jenkins, Zylenn Jeter, Jordan Lamb, Aty Lambert, Blair Leake, Jet Lee, Brayden Long, Daisy Lugo-Gomez, Emmie Lynn, Kensley Mack, Keishla Maldonado-Stanley, Zoey Martin, Isabella Mayen, Ma'Riyah Mayo, Jaxon McLain, Kemaya Mitchell, Madison Morgan, Tyrus Murray, Connor Neale, Amelia O'Maley, Leah Pitts, Keaton Powell, William Prince, Tomas Ramirez, Cambry Rhodes, Jovie Rice, Saydie Richards, Campbell Rogers, Chelsea Rossi, Scarlet Sales-Lara, Hunter Segee-Miller, Lunden Shoemaker, Paislee Simmons, Ava Skinner, Maverick Sloan,

Ava Smith, Hyatt Southern, Luke Sullivan, Alexis Talanges, Anna Taylor, Hayden Thao, Caleb Torres-Sevilla, Elijah Tucker, Kaia Tucker, Em-mie Varner, Rylan Wood, Darryl Worthey, A'Mirah Young

### Seventh Grade A Honor Roll

Zackery Ball, Maddie Bell, Aunika Brewster, Jayden Brissie, Nytrell Brown, Nathan Campbell, Jaxen Chavis, Debra Clements, Leigha Clutter, Ansley Couch, Colbie Cox, Tristyn Dempsey, Caleb Dickerson, Britton Duncan, Hunter Edwards, Kennedy Farmer, Renata Figueroa, Coleman Fulmer, Zariyah Geddes, Naythan Gomez, Cameron Hall, Cael Harper, William Harrison, Kirtus Hazel, Lillian Honeman, Jackson Hosteller, Danica Itehua-Cate, Lydia Knighten, Kendall Knighton, Emma Lanford, Zoey Jane Lawson, Lucas Litton, Delta Luby, Itzel Marban-Gonzalez, Hope McWhirter, Remy Mills, Tate Montjoy, Grayson Morrow, Itzayana Mota-Castro, Ali Reese Phillips, Karla Pichardo-Torres, Callie Rhodes, Chloe Rice, Violet Satterfield, Aubrey Shealy, Zmya Simmons, Angelina Smith, Reylene Smith, Jannetta Swint, Jenna Taylor, Natalie Thackston, Sophie Tropeano, Deshawn Westfield, Sophia Wojtun, Conyer Wood

### Seventh Grade A/B Honor Roll

John Arrington, Jaylen Bailey, Kinsley Bailey, Jaycee Barnett, Chastin Bethune, Jessie Bowman, Braxton Brink, Elizabeth Brown, Alexis Brown, Malaysia Bryant, Aubree Burch, Cheyenne Can-

non, David Chevez, Karlie Clevenger, Alexis Cohan, James Cole, Savannah Cothran, Aleigha Dillard, Onyx Dixon, Thomas Duncan, Joziah Duncan, Cayden Dyer, Jacob Elmore, Kevin Espindola-Duran, Ryan Finch, Laura Godfrey, Mela Hardy, Ava Harvey, Cam Henderson, Zaylei Henriquez, Cooper Hutcheson, Trinity Jamison, Maddie Jennings, Daylan Jeter, Emireth Jimenez-Aguilar, Emma Jones, Chiara Kidder, Madison Landrum, Regan Lawson, Kisa Lee, Stefan Lopez Rivas, Natalie Lopez-Campos, Pierce Lynch, Brookelyn Magyar, Assata McCants, Leticia Meredith, Raelyn Nabors, Andres Ocampo, Anna Leigh Owens, Emery Page, Travis Phim, Ophelya Ratliff, Colten Rogers, Joshua Ryan, Aniyah Sellars, Nathan Serrano, Avery Simmons, Konnor Simmons, Mason Smith, Tyryn Smith, Miriam Taylor, Jackson Vaughn, Sarah Watson, Tanner Watson, Ella Weathers, Zoey Windham, Bethany Wireman, Alizuna Woods, Allie Zampell

### Eighth Grade A Honor Roll

McKenzie Berryhill, Alex Bivings, Isaac Blizard, Annalynn Brisciano, Jaidyn Bryant, Carson Calhoun, Cevanna Campos, Asher Casey, Audrey Crain, Ava Davis, Brooklyn Edwards, Lena Epton, Addison Fenley, Ryan Fults, Jeorgina Geanopoulos, Aalayah Gist, Eliza Guastaferro, Ahkevia Harris, Sway Hinton, Nevaeh Jones, Paige Knighton, Ruby Lambert, Verity Liggett, Jocelynn Marsh, Nicolas Martinez-Hurtado, Astrid Mena, Barlee Morris, Emma Mosley, Rylee

Owens, Giuliana Parris, Burke Potter, Emilio Rodriguez, Bellashea Schulz, M.J. Skinner, Ava Stringfield, Lily Taylor, Lexi Taylor, JulieAnna Thompson, Raegan Tumblyn, Nevaeh Watkins, Jaxson Wright

### Eighth Grade A/B Honor Roll

Katelyn Robinson Dellinger, Camila Alonzo-Reyes, Ryleigh Armstrong, Emma Atkins, Bayli Bellamy, Bailee Brown, Emily Buhler, Kahlan Burlikowski, Vanessa Busko, Noah Bynum, Emmalyn Call, Jazzmyn Cauthen, Aniyah Dawkins, Kylie Day, Natalie Downing, Carter Flynn, Chloe Fortenberry, Jimena Garcia, Mason Gibson, Zaydri'n Graves, Aidyn Green, Maelyn Greene, Carson Grimes, Camdyn Grooms, Rodney Hyatt, Mia Johnson, Gabriel Kingcaid, Irina Koneva, McKenzie Lane, Taylor Lanford, Destiny Laster, Ashton Leake, Gabriel Maldonado, Miguel Martinez-Nesbitt, Jeremiah Mayen, Sarah McAbee, Madison McLaughlin, Alexis Miller, Andrew Moss, Peyton Neale, Wes Newsome, Sebastian Ordonez Castano, Brayden Orias, Vivian Page, Emery Patz, Sierra Pederson, Caden Perry, Karter Prince, Kaiden Prince, Kyleigh Quinn, Yadriana Ramos Torres, Samuel Ringgold, Frances Satterfield, Clay Skinner, Hampton Stribling, Miley Sugalski, Aaron Taylor, John Theriot, Devan Valdez, El-lison Varner, Heidi West, Breanna Westfield, Bella Westmoreland, Allura Williams, Kaylee Williams, Kailey Williams, Timothy Worthey, Cooper Zal



**AUGUST CUBS ON THE PROWL 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Left to right: Amaya Brown, Jovie Rice, Raegan Brooks, Sebastian Guastaferro, Whitney Bynum, Colt Atkins, Zylenn Jeter, Maverick Searl, Karter Doolittle, Aiden Fields, Kinsley Morgan, Josue Belteton-Aguirre, Elizabeth Rash, Aty Lambert, Jordan Lamb, Esther Wireman



**AUGUST CUBS ON THE PROWL 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Left to right: Cael Harper, Zmya Simmons, Caleb Dickerson, Leigha Clutter, Sophie Tropeano, Danica Itehua-Cate, Karla Pichardo-Torres, Bethany Wireman, David Chavez, Atticus Ewert Not pictured: Renata Figueroa



**AUGUST CUBS ON THE PROWL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Left to right: Kayden Doolittle, Emmalyn Call, Barlee Morris, Aniyah Dawkins, Nevaeh Jones, Mia Johnson, Emery Patz, Ava Stringfield, Ava Davis, Lily Taylor, JayShawn Parks, Gabriel Maldonado, Breanna Westfield, Gabriella Arthur, Miguel Martinez Nesbitt Not Pictured: Neveah Watkins



**SEPTEMBER CUBS ON THE PROWL 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Left to right: Ethan Hudson, Danna Montes-Yanez, Amaya Rice, Kensley Mack, Addie Elmore, Jovie Rice, Martin Alvarez Lopez, Tomas Ramirez, John Gonzalez-Perez, Saydie Richards, Hadley Callahan, Connor Neale, Whitney Bynum, Aty Lambert, Kinleigh Blanton, Kinsley Morgan Not pictured: KeAshia Waters



**SEPTEMBER CUBS ON THE PROWL 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Left to right: Tyryn Smith, Joziah Duncan, Daylan Jeter, Braxton Brink, Alizuna Woods, Aubree Burch, Lillian Honeman, Emma Jones, Reggie Bates, Zariyah Geddes, Maleike Prevatte-Jackson, Zaylei Henriquez, Hope McWhirter, Sarah Watson Not pictured: Mason Smith



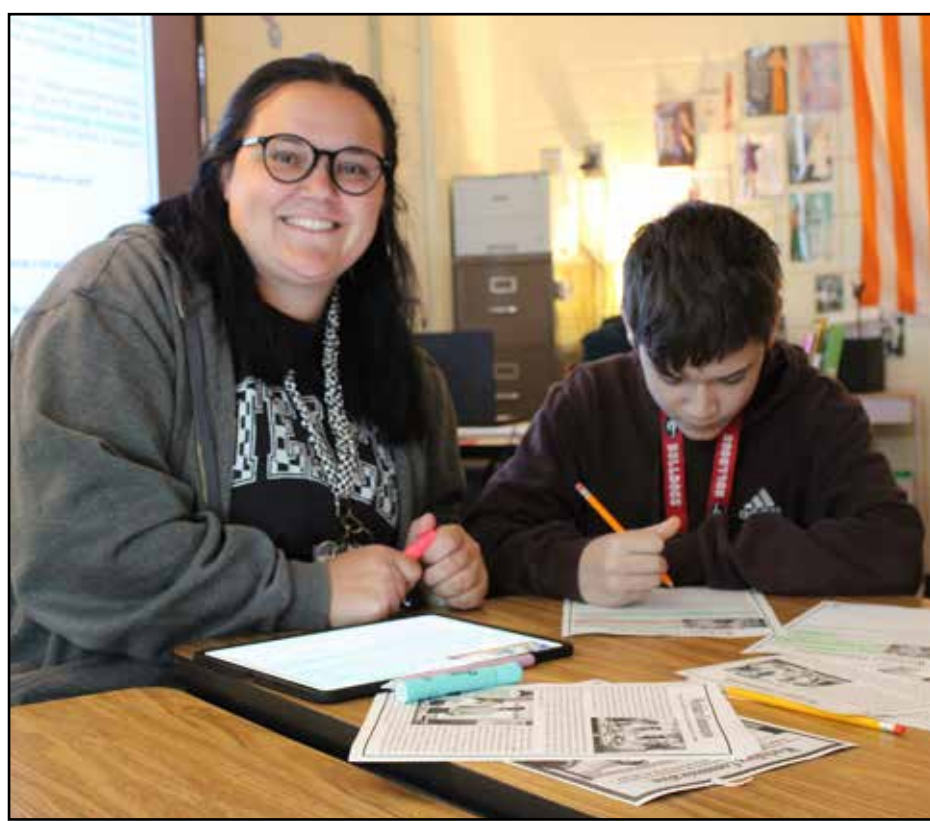
**SEPTEMBER CUBS ON THE PROWL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
Left to right: Lexi Taylor, Bella Westmoreland, Bentley Cartee, Carson Calhoun, Mia Johnson, JulieAnna Thompson, Jesus Torres-Sevilla, Emily Buhler, Katelyn Robinson Dellinger, Addison Fenley, Camila Alonzo-Reyes, Butch Brown Not pictured: Chloe Satterfield

# Jordan Jennings Named WHS Teacher of the Year

The ability to see every student's unique potential is a gift, and Woodruff High School's special education teacher, Jordan Jennings, possesses this gift. This ability, along with her desire to help others, is a large part of why Jennings was chosen as the 2024-2025 WHS Teacher of the Year.

The seed to become a teacher serving students with special needs was planted while Jennings was in high school and assisted the self-contained special education teacher. It was further developed in college when she worked at an after-school program and summer camp where she found herself serving children who were diagnosed with a disability.

Jennings, who has taught at WHS for six years, describes her teaching style as a combination of different learning strategies. These strategies include inquiry-based learning that encourages questioning to gain knowledge and understanding, individualized learning and group work



that promotes collaboration and helps to develop communication skills.

When asked about her greatest accomplishment, Jennings said it was creating a classroom that makes students feel welcome and safe and allows

them to show their individual personalities.

"I have created an environment where my students can freely express and advocate for themselves," said Jennings. "I have been able to establish positive relationships

with my students. Building these relationships with my students makes them feel more comfortable and allows them to feel safe to communicate with myself, other teachers and classmates by feeling accepted."

**Mrs. Jennings's students take care of each other and work together; she is able to foster their self-esteem and self-worth something we all need more of.**

**Mrs. Christine Morris**  
WHS Principal

Jennings feels that the relationship she has with her students allows them to have positive interactions with others outside of the classroom and later in life.

WHS Principal, Christine Morris, appreciates the positive environment that Jennings creates. "At any time during the day, you can walk into Mrs. Jennings's room to find engagement, movement, and a variety of activities, and to many this

might look or sound like utter chaos, but this is organized chaos, one that has its own melody," said Morris. "Mrs. Jennings's students take care of each other and work together; she is able to foster their self-esteem and self-worth something we all need more of."

Jennings shows her dedication to her students by continually advocating for them. One message she would like to communicate is that "students who have been diagnosed with a disability are not a burden. They bring purpose, depth, strength, unconditional love and patience into lives each day." She went on to say that all students are unique and have different abilities and should be celebrated more.

Jennings is married to Tyler and has two children, Jace (4) and Jordy (2). When not at school, she enjoys going to the lake with family, spending time swimming in their pool with their dogs, and playing outside. In addition, she likes reading when she has any free time.



## New Additions to the WHS staff

Woodruff High School welcomes 10 new faces to the faculty and staff this year. Front Row: Leslie Richard (English), Jade Bennett (Academic Support), Lily Cairns (Academic Support Assistant), Brooke Bailey (PE) Back Row: Chris Lewis (Social Studies), Austin Weathers (English), Elizabeth Santos (Academic Support), Paula Richards (ESL), Garrett Holmes (PE), Manny Gonzalez (Business Education) Not Pictured: Leigh Duncan (School Nurse), Victoria Normandin (Cafeteria)



### SEE YOU AT THE POLE

See you at the Pole is a global day of student prayer. This year it was held on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The event, held at the flagpole in front of Varner Stadium, featured students leading their peers in prayers as well as teachers and a few community members.

## Student of the Month Selections

WHS Student of the Month winners were nominated by Student Council members and then voted on by the faculty and staff. In honor of being named the Student of the Month, each student received a certificate and McDonald treat as well as being recognized on the WHS news show. The upperclassmen selections will also be placed on the ballot for Student of the Year which is voted on by students.



**AUGUST**  
Upperclassman: Nathan McConnell  
Underclassman: Reese Abrams



**SEPTEMBER**  
Underclassman: Wyatt McCarley  
Upperclassman: Alexis Baldwin



### ED-OP DAY

Educational Opportunity Day was held at WHS on Wednesday, October 1. Ed-Op is a large College Fair held for juniors and seniors giving them a chance to speak with numerous college representatives and to collect information from any of the schools they are interested in attending. About 60 colleges, universities and trade schools from South Carolina, North Carolina, and beyond were represented.



### COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

WHS held its annual College Application Day on Friday, October 3. WHS guidance counselors were on hand to assist the seniors completing their college applications. All seniors were given an opportunity to attend, either with their College and Career Prep classes, which were held in the library to facilitate the process, or through a designated time. There were over 80 seniors who participated in the event, and students were also able to pick up some free college gear.



### FIELD OF FLAGS

Maroon on a Mission is creating a Field of Flags in observance of Veterans Day. Flags will be \$5, if you would like to sponsor one in honor or memory of a veteran. Flags may be purchased in the WHS Front Office through November 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be displayed on the lawn of WHS during the week of Veterans Day, and a list of the Veterans recognized by each flag will be posted on social media.

Please check out <https://whs.spartanburg4.org> for more school details, photos, and up-to-date information.



**2025 WHS HOMECOMING QUEEN AND MAID OF HONOR CROWNED**

Caroline Lopez (left), representing the senior class, was crowned the 2025 Woodruff High School Maid of Honor while senior Aidyn Smith (right), representing Kam Taylor, was crowned the 2025 WHS Homecoming Queen. The homecoming football game victory over Mountain View Prep on Friday, October 17 was part of a week of Homecoming activities that included a parade, powder-puff football game, bonfire, dress-up days, pep rally and Homecoming Dance.

**HOMECOMING FUN**

**SCHOOL Spirit**



**Paving the way**

Spartanburg District Four is offering engraved brick pavers that will be installed at the site of the new Woodruff High School. The pavers will be incorporated into the walkway to the flagpole that is in front of the building. Anyone in our community is invited to purchase a lasting tribute!

The cost is \$100 per paver. Any proceeds above the cost of materials and installation will be donated to a scholarship fund at Woodruff High School. Visit [PolarEngraving.com/Spartanburg4](http://PolarEngraving.com/Spartanburg4) or scan the QR code for additional information and to place an order.



Violet Braunschweiger won a Best in Show ribbon for her entry in the Photography category. This is Woodruff High School's first time in ten years achieving a Best in Show recognition.

**Piedmont Interstate Fair Art Winners**

The Woodruff High School Art Department has started the year off strong, with WHS students winning a total of 14 ribbons this year at the 2025 Piedmont Interstate Fair.

This represents more ribbons than in previous years as well as the first time in 10 years that a WHS student achieved a Best in Show recognition. Sophomore Violet Braunschweiger captured this honor in the Photography category.

In addition to the following students, three WHS teachers, Amber

Chappell, Samantha Doshier and Sara Beth McGregor also took home two ribbons each.

**WHS Student Piedmont Interstate Fair Winners**

Violet Braunschweiger  
*1st Place & Best in Show and 3rd Place*

Briana Green  
*1st Place*

Alaya Jenkins  
*1st Place*

Kelsey Hutcheson  
*1st Place*

Alaya Jenkins  
*1st Place*

Kylie Miller  
*1st Place*

Lanah Nix  
*2nd Place*

Veronica Pankovets  
*1st Place*

Amiyah Quarles  
*3rd Place*

Makayla Rash  
*1st Place*

Macy-Claire Renfrow  
*1st Place*

Ian Silverio  
*2nd Place*

Haley Sprouse  
*1st Place*

Titus Yang  
*1st Place*



**WOODRUFF HIGH MARCHING CADETS PLACE THIRD IN STATE**

The Woodruff High School Marching Cadets competed in the State Band Competition on Saturday, October 18th at T.L. Hanna High School. The Cadets brought home a bronze medal in region 2A for their performance of Neptune's Garden. It is only the 4th time Woodruff has received a medal at the State competition. We are so proud of all the success our Cadets had during the 2025 competition season!