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THE WARRIOR TIMES



Warrior Strong: Kicking Off an Amazing School Year

As the doors of Whale Branch Early College High School open for another exciting year, we are thrilled to welcome back our students, families, faculty, and staff. A new school year brings fresh opportunities, new goals, and endless possibilities for growth and achievement.

At Whale Branch Early College High School, we proudly embrace our mission of preparing students for success in college, careers, and life. As an Early College High School, our students have the unique opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school education, putting them on a pathway toward a bright future.



Parents and guardians play a vital role in student success, and we look forward to partnering with you throughout the year. Together, we can create a supportive environment that empowers every student to thrive. We encourage families to stay connected through school events, parent meetings, and regular communication with teachers and staff. As we begin this journey together, let's focus on our core values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, and excellence. Let us celebrate our successes, learn from challenges, and support one another every step of the way. The 2026-2027 school year promises to be filled with exciting learning experiences, memorable events, and opportunities to showcase our Warrior pride. We are confident that this will be a year of growth, achievement, and success for every student. Welcome back, Warriors! Let's make this school year our best one yet.

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RAMA BALLENA ECHS

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Guerrero Fuerte: El comienzo de un año escolar increíble

Al abrirse las puertas de Whale Branch Early College High School para un nuevo y emocionante año, nos complace dar la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes, familias, profesores y personal. Un nuevo año escolar trae consigo nuevas oportunidades, nuevas metas e infinitas posibilidades de crecimiento y superación.

En Whale Branch Early College High School, nos enorgullece nuestra misión de preparar a los estudiantes para el éxito en la universidad, la vida profesional y personal. Como escuela preparatoria con programa de doble titulación, nuestros estudiantes tienen la oportunidad única de obtener créditos universitarios mientras completan su educación secundaria, lo que les abre las puertas a un futuro prometedor.



Los padres y tutores desempeñan un papel fundamental en el éxito estudiantil, y esperamos colaborar con ustedes durante todo el año. Juntos, podemos crear un entorno de apoyo que permita a cada estudiante alcanzar su máximo potencial. Animamos a las familias a mantenerse conectadas a través de eventos escolares, reuniones de padres y comunicación regular con los maestros y el personal.

Al emprender este camino juntos, centrémonos en nuestros valores fundamentales: respeto, responsabilidad, perseverancia y excelencia. Celebremos nuestros éxitos, aprendamos de los desafíos y apoyémonos mutuamente en cada paso. El ciclo escolar 2026-2027 promete estar repleto de emocionantes experiencias de aprendizaje, eventos memorables y oportunidades para demostrar nuestro orgullo Warrior. Confiamos en que será un año de crecimiento, logros y éxito para cada estudiante.

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo, Guerreros! Hagamos de este año escolar el mejor hasta ahora.

Orgullosos de ser una escuela Title One.

Faith, Fellowship, and Warrior Pride: Community Ministers Bless Whale Branch Early College High School



Whale Branch Early College High School extends its deepest gratitude to the pastors, ministers, and community leaders who joined us to offer prayers, encouragement, and blessings over our students, faculty, staff, and families as we begin a new school year. Their presence served as a powerful reminder that our Warrior Nation is strengthened by the support, faith, and dedication of our community. Through uplifting words, heartfelt prayers, and messages of hope, these spiritual leaders inspired us to embrace the year ahead with courage, purpose, and a commitment to excellence.

We are especially grateful for the leaders of the Pastor's Korner of Whale Branch Early College High School, whose service stretches beyond the school and support help foster strong connections between our school and community:

Special Shout-Out to:

- Mr. Kelvin Simmons, our BMS who is also the Pastor of First African Baptist Church of St. Helena
- Pastor Ramon Karney (Lead Community Volunteer) is also the Youth Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Dale
- Sgt. Jeremiah Webb, our SRO who is also the Youth Pastor of Friendship Holiness Church of Stuart Point
- Mr. Thaddeus D. Smith, our Parent Liaison who is also the Pastor of Mt. Pisgah AME Church of Dale.

These remarkable individuals serve not only within our school community but as faith leaders throughout the surrounding area. Their dedication to mentoring, encouraging, and uplifting others exemplifies the spirit of service that helps our students thrive.

As we launch another exciting year of learning and achievement, we are thankful for the prayers, guidance, and unwavering support provided by our community ministers. Their investment in our students reminds us that success is built through partnership, faith, and a shared commitment to the future of our youth.

Thank you for helping us start the school year with faith, unity, and Warrior pride. Together, we are building a stronger Warrior Nation!

Fe, compañerismo y orgullo guerrero: ministros comunitarios bendicen la escuela preparatoria Whale Branch Early College.



La Escuela Preparatoria Whale Branch Early College expresa su más profundo agradecimiento a los pastores, ministros y líderes comunitarios que se unieron a nosotros para ofrecer oraciones, aliento y bendiciones a nuestros estudiantes, profesores, personal y familias al comenzar un nuevo año escolar. Su presencia fue un poderoso recordatorio de que nuestra comunidad se fortalece con el apoyo, la fe y la dedicación de nuestros miembros. A través de palabras inspiradoras, oraciones sinceras y mensajes de esperanza, estos líderes espirituales nos motivaron a afrontar el año con valentía, propósito y un firme compromiso con la excelencia.

Estamos especialmente agradecidos a los líderes del Rincón del Pastor de la Escuela Preparatoria Universitaria Temprana Whale Branch, cuyo servicio se extiende más allá de la escuela y su apoyo ayuda a fomentar fuertes vínculos entre nuestra escuela y la comunidad:

Un saludo especial para:

El Sr. Kelvin Simmons, nuestro BMS, quien también es el pastor de la Primera Iglesia Bautista Africana de Santa Elena.

El pastor Ramón Karney (voluntario comunitario principal) es también el pastor de jóvenes de la Iglesia Bautista Mt. Carmel de Dale.

El sargento Jeremiah Webb, nuestro oficial de enlace escolar, quien también es el pastor de jóvenes de la Iglesia Friendship Holiness de Stuart Point.

El Sr. Thaddeus D. Smith, nuestro enlace con los padres, quien también es el pastor de la Iglesia Mt. Pisgah AME de Dale.

Estas personas excepcionales no solo sirven a nuestra comunidad escolar, sino que también son líderes religiosos en toda la región. Su dedicación a guiar, alentar y apoyar a los demás ejemplifica el espíritu de servicio que ayuda a nuestros estudiantes a prosperar.

Al comenzar un nuevo año lleno de aprendizaje y logros, agradecemos las oraciones, la guía y el apoyo incondicional de nuestros pastores comunitarios. Su dedicación a nuestros estudiantes nos recuerda que el éxito se construye a través de la colaboración, la fe y un compromiso compartido con el futuro de nuestra juventud.

Gracias por ayudarnos a comenzar el año escolar con fe, unidad y orgullo Warrior. ¡Juntos, estamos construyendo una Nación Warrior más fuerte!

Things You Need To Know

Uniform Policy Reminder

To maintain a focused and unified learning environment, all students are expected to follow our school's uniform policy:

Tops:

Solid-colored polos in white, purple, black, gray, or yellow gold.

Bottoms:

Khaki or black pants, shorts, or skirts (must be no higher than 2 inches above the knee – no cargo pockets allowed).

Please ensure that all uniform items meet these guidelines daily. Together, let's represent Warrior pride with excellence and unity!

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WHALE BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH UNIFORM POLICY

Tops: White, purple, black, gray, or yellow gold (solid colors only)



Bottoms: Khaki and black (No cargo pockets)



Welcome BACK WARRIORS!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

Let's make it a great year!

STUDENT ARRIVAL

- 8:15 AM – ALL STUDENTS**
Arrive at the PAC Center Entrance. Students will go through the Security Check Area.
- 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM**
Early Start Students can arrive using the Front Door.
- AFTER 8:00 AM**
All students must use the PAC Center Entrance.
- BUS RIDERS**
Be at your bus stop early.

MORNING PROCEDURES

UNIFORMS WILL BE CHECKED THE FIRST DAY.

MUST WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM STRICT ENFORCEMENT

11TH & 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
Report to the CAFETERIA.

9TH & 10TH GRADE STUDENTS
Pick up breakfast and report to the SMALL GYMNASIUM in the mornings until dismissal to class.

We are excited and looking forward
TO WELCOMING ALL STUDENTS DAY 1!

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Work. Inspire. Lead. Learn. Elevate. Demonstrate.

BE PREPARED. BE PRESENT. BE A WARRIOR!

WHALE BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

WARRIORS

PLAN YOUR VACATIONS—PROTECT YOUR ATTENDANCE!

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USE THE NO SCHOOL DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR to plan vacations, family trips, appointments, and other activities whenever possible.

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When school is in session, we want our Warriors in the building, ready to learn, grow, and succeed.

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- ✓ PROTECT YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.
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Cosas que necesitas saber

Recordatorio sobre la política de uniformes
Para mantener un entorno de aprendizaje centrado y unificado, se espera que todos los estudiantes cumplan con la política de uniforme de nuestra escuela:

Camisetas:

Polos de colores lisos: blanco, morado, negro, gris o amarillo dorado.

Parte inferior:

Pantalones, shorts o faldas de color caqui o negro (no deben ser más altos de 2 pulgadas por encima de la rodilla; no se permiten bolsillos cargo).

Asegúrese de que todas las prendas del uniforme cumplan con estas normas diariamente. ¡Juntos, representemos el orgullo de los Warriors con excelencia y unidad!

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High School

2026 - 2027

School Improvement
Council



Meetings

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

- Wednesday, September 3rd - WBES
- Wednesday, October 14th - WBMS
- Wednesday, November 11th - WBECHS
- Wednesday, January 13th - WBES
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- Wednesday, April 7th - WBES
- Wednesday, May 5th - WBMS
-WBECHS Title One Planning Meeting



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Dates to Remember

- Aug. 21- 1st Home Game against Battery Creek
- Sept. 3- School Improvement Council
- Sept. 4- Deadline for Royal Court Applications
- Oct. 17 - Mister and Miss WBECHS Coronation/Pageant
- Oct. 30.- Homecoming

Attention Juniors and Seniors!

On Thursday, September 3, 2026 we will take our first college tour of the year to the HBCU College Fair in Columbia, SC.

Eligibility: Juniors and Seniors only

Spots Available: First 50 students

If you're interested, please sign up with Ms. Reynolds in the Counseling Department. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

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BREAKFAST WITH GRANDPARENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 9:00AM-10:00

• Delicious Food & Drinks
• Fun Activities for All Ages
• Special Tribute to Parents

For more information Contact our Parent Liaison (843)466-2717 or Thaddeus.Smith@beaufort.k12.sc.us

WHALE BRANCH CLUSTER FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thursday, October 29

Walk for Breast Cancer, Domestic Violence, and Child Bullying begins at 4:30pm
Fall Fest- Begins at 5pm

CTE Games - costume contest - food
Hunted Hallway - Live music - Kids zone

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Fechas para recordar

21 de agosto - Primer partido en casa contra Battery Creek

3 de septiembre - Consejo para la Mejora Escolar

- 4 de septiembre - Fecha límite para la presentación de solicitudes para la Corte Real
- 17 de octubre - Coronación/Certamen de Mister y Miss WBECHS
- 30 de octubre.- Regreso a casa

¡Atención alumnos de penúltimo y último año!

El jueves 3 de septiembre de 2026 realizaremos nuestra primera visita universitaria del año a la Feria Universitaria HBCU en Columbia, Carolina del Sur.

Requisitos: Solo estudiantes de penúltimo y último año de secundaria.

Plazas disponibles: Los primeros 50 estudiantes
Si te interesa, inscríbete con la Sra. Reynolds en el Departamento de Orientación. ¡No te pierdas esta gran oportunidad!

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