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If you're not familiar with Turn Around Kids, they house an average of thirty Cherokee County children that are in crisis. The goal is to provide healing and restoration for these children, as well as providing a home.

Last year FCA provided a bowling party at Stars and Strikes complete with pizza and sodas as well as some small gifts. Stars and Strikes provided arcade games and laser tag. The children had a blast! It is our hope to do the same this year.

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**FALL FORUM AT WHS**

Woodstock High School had the honor of hosting more than 700 members of the Georgia Junior Classical League at this year's Fall Forum on Oct. 22.

Fall Forum is a state-wide event which celebrates the classics and includes several events, both academic and physical: ultimate Frisbee, tug of war, races, workshops, trivia competitions, creative competitions, and, most importantly, the opportunity for Latin students to bond with others from across the state.

Fall Forum is always hosted by the school of the current president of the GJCL, which this year is Woodstock High School senior Nicolas Franco-Roldan.

This is the first time any school from Cherokee County has hosted the event and it places Woodstock High School at the top of the state classics community.



**SECRETARY OF STATE STUDENT AMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

During the summer, Mr. Smith received an email inviting Woodstock High School to take part in the Georgia Secretary of State Student Ambassadors Program. The following are excerpts from the website regarding the program.

*Secretary of State Brian Kemp has launched the Secretary of State's Ambassador Program for high school students. The Ambassador Program is a leadership training program for high school students that encourages civic participation and voter registration*

*"As the father of two high school students, I know firsthand how important it is for young adults to participate in leadership activities so they will become invested citizens in their communities," said Secretary Kemp. "This program is the first of its kind in Georgia, and will provide a unique and meaningful experience for participating students."*

(<http://accesswdun.com/article/2016/1/363272/ga-secretary-of-state-launches-ambassador-program-for-high-schoos-north-hall-habersham-central-represented>)

Woodstock High School's first Student Ambassadors, Nicolas Franco-Roldan, Malcolm Green, and Juan Andres Rincon attended the opening session at Kennesaw State University on August 30th.



**WHS TSA TECH FAIR**

On Monday October 10th, Woodstock TSA's chapter got to experience a thrilling event filled to the brim with competitive activities, games, rides, and intellectual challenges. This all happened at Tech Day, a Georgia TSA convention at the Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia. Members competed in a multitude of events and challenges such as Architectural Design, CO2 Dragster Races, Catapult Design, creating cars made out of mousetraps, making a rube goldberg machine, and creating structural bridges. Among placements in many of these events, our chapter was also recognized for our outstanding achievements in membership recruitment.

As always, each competition was centered around leadership enrichment as well as intuitive problem solving. Both of these ideals were experienced in full throttle at Tech Day, and the members of our chapter increased their knowledge of the technical world and improved their ability to lead in that world respectively. It was certainly a productive turnout as well as an exciting one, and Woodstock TSA is definitely looking forward to it's next conference at Jekyll Island for the Fall Leadership conference.

*By Sam Skillman, TSA Reporter*



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**#CAREERCAFEWHS- "MCDONALD'S FRANCHISE"**

On Wednesday, October 19th, the WHS media center hosted its weekly program #careercafeWHS. This week's speakers were McDonald's franchise owners, Cindy Levine and her son, Joshua Frankel. Owing ten of the McDonald's locations in Cherokee and Cobb County, the pair spoke with WHS students on all the career options that McDonalds has to offer, from working behind the counter, to management, to franchise owner. Levine and Frankel engaged the students with videos and question / answer sessions on topics such as food production and taste, to college scholarship opportunities for McDonalds employees.

*Photos show Cindy Levine and Joshua Frankel speaking to WHS students about their McDonalds franchises and career opportunities through McDonalds.*



**#CAREERCAFEWHS- "TEEN READ WEEK"**

The week of October 10th, the WHS Media Center had a fun and eventful week celebrating Teen Read Week. High school students started out the week making bookmarks and books for themselves and elementary students. They enjoyed a day of silent reading and lunch on the lawn. Lindsey Sheppard, from the Sequoyah Regional Library System visited our Media Center to discuss the Teen Programs available to all students and offered a mini-notebook making session. Students also had a Skype session with author Sarah Beth Durst. Students who read her book, *Conjured*, and those who wanted to know more about an author's writing process, attended the Skype session. Both students and Ms. Durst enjoyed the brilliant students' questions and conversation.

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*Lindsey Sheppard from the Sequoyah Regional Library System visited our Media Center to discuss the Teen Programs available to all students and offered a mini-notebook making session*



*Skype sessions with author Sarah Beth Durst*



*Students enjoy a day of silent reading during lunch periods*



**RIVERS ALIVE 2016**

Interact club and Spanish Honor Society participated in the program Rivers Alive 2016. We helped to clean the Little river in Olde Rope Mill Park. We collected more than 20 big bags full of trash.

In the picture from left to right Reikaiya McCall, Dania Banon, Alyssa McCall and Sonya Breaux Sponsor.



**HISTORY BOWL TEAM**

The History Bowl team competed in the first competition of the season Saturday, November 5th at Cedar Shoals High School in Athens, GA. The Varsity team, consisting of Austin James (AJ) Cox, John Mack, Juan Andres Rincon, and Juan Camilo Rincon won the four matches required to place high enough in order to go to the National Championship in Washington, D.C. in April. This is the third year they have accomplished this feat! Austin James (AJ) and Juan Andres also qualified as individual Varsity competitors in the U.S. History Bee for the National Competition in D.C. Juan Camilo qualified for U.S. History Bee in D.C. at the Junior Varsity level. The team also qualified for the National Competition in Washington, D.C.

Please join me in congratulating these young men.

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### FCA (FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES)

FCA is a club for Christian students to worship and listen to a speaker. The main question that we receive from students is "Do you have to be an athlete to join?" Absolutely not! FCA is for anyone who wants to hang out with other Christian students. We meet every Friday at 7:30 in room 704. We often have breakfast provided by the generosity of the Masters family! Don't forget to head over to "the rock" on Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. to pray over our school, students, and faculty.

By: Hannah Hair

### HELPFUL AND ENGAGING EDUCATIONAL APPS

Nowadays, many students use iPads as a tool in their studies, and for good reason: the iPad has a wealth of amazing apps for education. The following is a roundup of iPad apps that are geared toward, but not limited to, high school students. Click on this link to see some of the suggestions

<http://ipad.appstorm.net/roundups/back-to-school-50-apps-for-high-school-students/>

### YEARBOOK

Parents, there is still time to buy a yearbook before prices go up again. You can order online at [www.Balfour.com](http://www.Balfour.com) or download an order form from the SAGA website at <https://sagayrbk.wordpress.com/>. Yearbooks are currently \$80.00, but the price will go up to \$90.00 on March 1st, so buy yours today. If you bought a yearbook last year, you can save \$10.00 on your book this year by using the coupon from last year's book. If you don't have your coupon, please email Ms. Ryberg at [Woodstock.yrbk@gmail.com](mailto:Woodstock.yrbk@gmail.com). The yearbook is the only record of this school year that will last forever, so don't let your child be left without those precious memories. Order your 2017 SAGA today!

### MARCHING WOLVERINES, COMPETITIONS AND THE DEFEAT OF ETOWAH

Since our last newsletter, the Marching Wolverines have been very busy. The football season saw Woodstock make several key wins (pronounced: "WE'RE GOING TO THE PLAYOFFS") and the Marching Wolverines polish and refine the halftime show – all the while having a WILD time.

All of the performances, practices, and Saturday mini-camps were for one purpose: preparing the Marching Wolverines for competitions. There were three this competition season:

- Valhalla Classic Band Festival, Northgate HS, Newnan, GA
- Southern Invitational Marching Band Competition, Sprayberry HS, Marietta, GA
- JSU Contest of Champions, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL

Each of these competitions resulted in high accolades for the Marching Wolverines. Some of the awards earned included Superior ratings for Color Guard, Drum Majors, Percussion, and the Band overall. While a few of the results weren't what we would have hoped for, the Musicians and Guard learned a great deal from and enjoyed the experiences at each competition, and proved that no matter the scores, the Marching Wolverines know how to have a WILD time.

Then there was the Woodstock-Etowah game. 35-7 in favor of our Wolverines – Congratulations, gentlemen! Proof there's a reason this town is called Woodstock! As Woodstock moves through the playoffs, the Marching Wolverines will be there every step of the way, providing the soundtrack for what will no doubt be some WILD Friday nights in November!

Stay tuned, before you know it, the Marching Wolverines will be set loose to roam the streets. Well, at least march in some holiday parades. As the marching season winds down, you'll be able to continue enjoying the skill and beauty of the Color Guard as Winter Guard starts up, and the Wolverine Band as they dust-off their formalwear and perform as the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and the Wind Symphony.

But know one thing. No matter how they're dressed or what the group is called, the Guard and Band will always have a little touch of WILD about them.



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## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

In September, the Woodstock Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 72 new members to join the 41 returning members. Since the induction ceremony the NHS members have been extremely busy volunteering throughout our community. As a group, we have logged more than 1500 hours of service so far this semester. NHS members representing WHS have assisted as volunteers at Fall Festivals at Carmel, Woodstock, and Sixes Elementary Schools. We have had members assist with the 5k at Liberty Elementary, Zombiefest in downtown Canton, the Coach English fundraiser at Sixes, the Junior Classical League Fall Forum, and volunteering at the Woodstock Middle Media Center.

In addition to our hours of service, each month the students have organized and participated in some kind of collection to aid those in our community. September started with our joining up with the Caps of Love project – an organization out of Florida which recycles caps and lids and donates 100% of funds raised to provide wheelchairs to special needs children. Cole Mc Bay is our activity leader for this project which runs through this entire semester. **PARENTS-** you are encouraged to help us with this effort. Please save all plastic caps/lids (detergent bottles, prescription bottles, sour cream lids, soda bottle/soft drink lids, soft plastic large QT cup lids, Starbucks lids, pretty much any cap or lid except for the brittle plastic like on a to go cup from a fast food restaurant). Lids can be dropped off at the front office or sent in with your student to Mrs. Burke's room (730). If anyone has a pharmacy contact, they throw away pounds of plastic caps weekly.

Our October collection was organized by Eva-Michelle Belikova and was a collection to help out the Cherokee County Animal Shelter. Through our collection in October, we delivered over 300 pounds of dry cat and dog food, cat litter, hand soap, and paper towels to the shelter. Our efforts in November are two-fold: we will help out the 9th grade SGA project of collecting gently used shoes and we will also be helping out with a canned food collection to benefit Papa's Pantry. In December, you will see us ringing the red kettle bell for the Salvation Army on Dec 6 and 8 outside of WalMart on Bells Ferry and we will again provide new, wrapped children's books to every kindergartener at Woodstock Elementary School. Summaries and photos from these efforts will appear in the next edition of the Wolverine Wire. Stay tuned.

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### SOUTH CHEROKEE OPTIMIST CLUB AWARD

Tyler Masci student in the Transition Academy received a Most Outstanding award from the South Cherokee Optimist Club on Oct 28th 2016.



Paige Steppe prepares for fun at the Carmel Fall Festival.



Josh Thrift runs the bean bag toss at the Sixes Fall Festival.

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## WHS DECA STUDENTS OWN THEIR FUTURE AT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The chapter officers of Woodstock High School (WHS) DECA attended the State Fall Leadership Development Conference October 20-21. The Conference was held at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta. During the conference, students had the opportunity to attend team-building and leadership activities, hear inspirational and motivational speakers, and to network with other students from around the state. Students also participated in the Statesman Award Test, and the WHS Chapter received recognition for its participation in the "Go Green with GA DECA" community service project.

The WHS DECA Chapter officers who attended were: President Cydney Moore; Vice-President of Social Media and Communications Makayla Adams; Vice-President of Finance Kara Landsiedel; Vice-President of Membership Brianna Bristow; Vice-President of Public Outreach Ryan Brusie; Vice-President of Community Service Dorothy Wilson; Vice-President of Public Relations Tahj Brown and Vice-President of Social Activities Maverick Borges. Five Woodstock DECA members earned certificates for their score of at least 90% on the Statesman Award: Cydney Moore, Maverick Borges, Kara Landsiedel, Makayla Adams, and Dorothy Wilson.

During the conference, "Go Green with GA DECA" recognized the WHS Chapter for its work with the Woodstock Nursing Home through the chapter's DECA Angels project. The chapter members spent an afternoon replacing old plants with new flowers and shrubs in the nursing home's courtyard.

The DECA Fall Leadership Development Conference is an annual event designed to give DECA Chapter officers and other members the opportunity to enhance their leadership and teamwork skills, and serves to kick off the state competitive events activities that take place in the spring in Atlanta. State winners will compete at the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California. This year's DECA theme is "OWN YOUR FUTURE".

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## WOODSTOCK NJROTC

Woodstock NJROTC has been working hard as the first semester comes to a close. We have participated in many competitions and events since the school year started and have many more planned.

Our Teams have started practices and our Orienteering team has competed in three meets. Our Air Rifle Team traveled to South Effingham to compete in an Area Twelve Sanctioned Meet. Our NJROTC cadets have competed in two field meets against 16 schools and took Fifth place in Armed Exhibition at the Luella Meet, fifth place in Sit-ups in the Luella Meet, third place in Color Guard at the Cross Creek Meet, and second place in Academics at both meets. Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Yolimar Rivera-Hermida took third place out of 128 cadets in sit ups at the Cross Creek Meet as well. In addition, cadets Evan Setter and Anna Fournaris place 10th out of 240 cadets in academics and freshman cadet Lilli Georgescu placed 9th in push-ups.

Our Unit completed our annual Area Manager's Inspection. The following cadets were singled out by the Area 12 Manager as looking the best: cadets Sebastian Aguilar, Hunter Armstrong, Timothy Barrett, Regan Childree, Ryan Childree, Pedro Contreras, Lucia Flores, Anna Fournaris, Lilli Georgescu, Irene Hougblame, Madison Huskins, Christopher Mathers, Andrea Medina, Carissa Pangilinan, and Allison Steward. These cadets received Bravo Zulu Medals and were promoted to the next higher cadet rank. Also receiving promotions were cadets Griffin Cowart and Andrea Medina who performed outstanding work in Supply and Administration preparing for and during the inspection. The unit also received a Bravo Zulu Pennant for an outstanding inspection overall.

Our unit has also participated in numerous hours of community service including 217 hours of people oriented service, 123.5 hours of environment oriented service, and 400 hours of community oriented service, we have 768 total community service hours for the year so far.

We have a plethora of events planned for November and December. We have a sanctioned Air Rifle Meet on November 12th, a County Air Rifle Match on November 15th, and our first Brain Brawl as well as an Orienteering Meet on November 19th. On December 10th we have another sanctioned Air Rifle Meet and a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's near the Outlets. See an NJROTC cadet to purchase tickets for the Flapjack event. We look forward to achieving much more as the year goes on. We are looking forward to the Spring.

## SGA NEWS

Woodstock High School's Student Government hosted a successful Homecoming the week of October 31st through November 5th. Throughout the week there were fun and creative ways to show school spirit. This year the overall focus was the 20th anniversary of the opening of Woodstock High School in 1996. Spirit week was launched with the fitting theme of Character Day on Halloween. Tuesday was Twin Day, Wednesday students and staff supported their favorite team for Jersey Day, Thursday was Back to the 90s to commemorate Woodstock's opening, and the week ended with Friday's Spirit Wear Day.

The Homecoming Carnival was Wednesday evening and featured fun games, food trucks and bounce houses for the entire Woodstock community.

Friday night's Homecoming football game featured the Wolverines domination over the Walton Raiders with a final score of 35-24. The halftime show featured the entire Homecoming Court and ended with the crowning of Kobe Overton as this year's king and Imani Lusega as the 2016 queen.

Homecoming Week ended with a "Back to the 90s" dance on Saturday evening in Woodstock's cafeteria.

Student Government are collecting shoes for soles4souls.org. This organization repurposes gently used shoes to people in need. Bins are located in the rotunda or donations can be made in room 211.

## SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

The counseling office is trying to track all scholarships offered to the class of 2017. Please send copies of your offer letters to Mr. St. Vrain in the Counseling office. We are tracking all offers, including those that are not being accepted. Scholarship info must be turned in by May 1st to be included in the total published by local newspapers. Scholarships that have presenters will be recognized at our awards night.



## WHS DECA ANGELS HAVE 'FRIGHTFULLY' GOOD TIME AT NURSING HOME

Ten members of Woodstock High School DECA hosted a Halloween Party for the residents of Woodstock Nursing Home. As part of the DECA Angels Program, students visited, and entertained the senior residents with traditional party games, music, snacks, and punch served from the bubbling "witches cauldron". A photo booth to capture the fun was supplied by the nursing home. Students and some residents dressed in fun Halloween costumes.

The WHS DECA members that participated in the activity are: Dorothy Wilson, Rebecca Smith, Kara Landsiedel, Jonathan Powell, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Ryan, Ishrat Prokreety, Ryan Brusie, Matthew Wessler, Angelique Sayles and Monique Boyce. DECA Angels is a project developed in partnership with Woodstock Nursing Home to connect the students with the senior community.

DECA, An Association of Marketing Students, is a co-curricular student organization that promotes the principles of marketing, management, and entrepreneurship, and supports emerging leaders through student-centered activities and competitive events.



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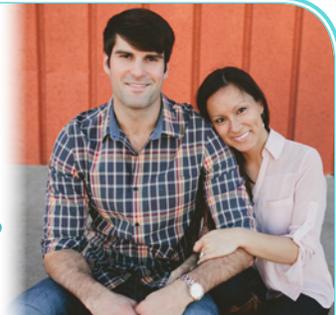
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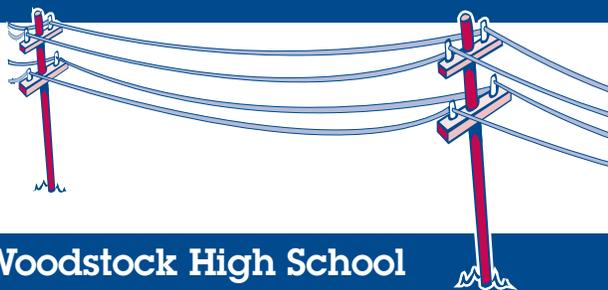
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## WOLVERINE WIRE NEWSLETTER

Did you know.....you can read the Wolverine Wire Newsletter on the WHS school website? Go to <http://cherokeek12.net/woodstockhs/>

## FOLLOW WHS ON TWITTER

@woodstockHS1 for general school related information, and @whsathlactivity for athletic and activities information.

## THE PAW PRINT

Check out Woodstock High School's online newspaper at [whspawprint.com](http://whspawprint.com).

## THE DEN

Open daily 7:30 – 9:15 AM, Room 301

Spirit Items, Spirit Wear, School Supplies, Balloons and gift items, Children's clothes, Shorts, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Hoodies, T-shirts

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## ATTENDANCE OFFICE NEWS

All absence notes are due the day you return to school, or no later than five days after an absence. Administrative approval is required after the five day limit. Make sure to turn them in on time.

## MEDIA CENTER

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## CLINIC INFORMATION

Students who wish to carry an epi-pen or inhaler must have an authorization form on file every year, as students are not allowed to carry **any** medications with this exception.

If your child has any significant allergy, please consider bringing medication to the clinic to have available should your child experience an allergic reaction. The school does not supply **any** medication.

Flu season is coming! The center for Disease Control recommends that high school students receive the annual flu shot. The vaccine is now available in most pharmacies and chain grocery stores as well as the traditional medical offices.

## TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

### SENIORS

Transcripts requests are in Mrs. Correll's office, located next to Student Services. The fee per college is \$5.00.

At this time Colleges are suggesting that you do not use GA Futures (formerly GA College 411).

Don't wait until the last minute to send your transcripts. It takes a college at least 4 to 5 business days to process your transcript.

For questions please see Mrs. Correll.