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WHS NJROTC

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into school! Woodstock NJROTC has been pretty busy since last year. In May last year, Woodstock's NJROTC Academic Team qualified for the Brain Brawl Nationals. While there, our team competed against the top 24 schools in the country and placed 3rd out of an original 619 schools. Those cadets were Academic Team Commander Anna Fournaris, Evan Setter, Irene Houghblame and Lilli Georgescu. Way to represent Woodstock!!

In June, six cadets attended Leadership Academy. Leadership Academy is a Leadership camp composed of the top cadets from each NJROTC program in Georgia and northern Florida. Our cadets attending and graduating were Griffin Cowart, Andrea Medina, Timothy Barrett, Anna Fournaris, Katelyn Gann, and Christopher Mathers. Additionally, cadet Katlyn Deveau went back to Leadership Academy this year as a cadre. Congratulations cadets!

Congratulations to our WHS NJROTC cadets who participated and graduated from Basic Leadership Training (BLT) held at Camp Bert Adams, Covington, GA. All of our Wolverines not only completed the course but were very well represented during the awards ceremony both for their accomplishments and leadership during the camp. Our own WHS NJROTC Commanding Officer, cadet Katlyn Deveau was selected to be the CO of the camp and she did an outstanding job while leading 110 cadets. There were 12 schools spread over ten squads and four of those squads were led by WHS cadets. Congrats to cadets Timothy Barrett, Thomas Hummel, Sarah Hedrick and Yolimar Rivera whose outstanding leadership kept their squads motivated and competitive for the whole week. In addition, for his experience with Color Guard, cadet John-Patrick Mueller was selected to lead the Flag detail for the camp. Some of their accomplishments include:

- First, Second and Third place in orienteering for squads were all led by Woodstock cadets, respectively, Sarah Hedrick, Thomas Hummel and Timothy Barrett.
- Second place in sit-ups – cadet Adrian Escamilla
- First place in sit-ups – cadet Yolimar Rivera

- First place in Tug-o-war by squad was led by cadet Thomas Hummel
- First, Second and Fifth place in the Squad Drill Competition were led by cadets Barrett, Hedrick and Hummel respectively.
- Third place in the Ironman squad competition was led by cadet Rivera.
- Receiving marksmanship awards were cadets Lilli Georgescu, Jasmin Gamble, Timothy Barrett, John Mueller, Dawson Clanton and Sarah Hedrick.
- Finally, receiving personnel inspection awards for looking the best in uniform were cadets Dawson Clanton, Thomas Hummel, John Mueller and Sarah Hedrick.

All cadets attending will receive the Camp Bert Adams ribbon and the Mini-Bootcamp Ribbon and many other WHS cadets received ribbons for being part of a winning squad in the above mentioned events. Congratulations Cadets. Go Woodstock!!

The highlight of this quarter was our very own WHS NJROTC Commanding Officer, Katlyn Deveau, receiving The Cadet Achievement and Legion of Valor Award. The Legion of Valor award is the highest award an NJROTC Cadet can earn. There were only two awards in Area 12 which covers all of Georgia and Northern Florida. Bravo Zulu Cadet Deveau! Thank you for all your hard work and accomplishments!

The year is just beginning for WHS ROTC, with a new chain of command, anything is possible for this year. Some of the goals this year, is to earn Distinguished Unit again, to host an academic meet, qualify our Air Rifle Team for the Area 12 Championship, qualify our Brain Brawl Team for the Area 12 Championship and possible Nationals and to accumulate 2500 community service hours. We are very excited for this year, and hope you are too. Thank you to Woodstock for supporting our Unit. We look forward to seeing what the year brings us!



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FIRE SAFETY: PLAYING IT SAFE

Cherokee County Fire Department visited the Food, Nutrition, and Wellness classes for a fire safety and prevention lesson. The students used a virtual fire simulator and fire extinguisher in class. According to Mrs. Fagan, "Safety in the kitchen is our number one priority since cooking is the number one cause of home fires in the United States". We hope the students feel confident enough to prevent and react to a fire.



Student: Madison Kuhn putting out the fire.



Sgt. Babette Davis providing additional kitchen safety tips for all the students.

ATTENDANCE

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make school attendance a priority.

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day; make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomachaches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school.

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior; these could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you are having trouble getting your child to school.



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WHS students visit 24 college representatives

#CAREERCAFEWHS – COLLEGE FAIR

On August 9th, 2017, the WHS Media Center hosted a College Fair through their media program, Career Café. Twenty-four colleges and universities from the state of Georgia and neighboring states were in attendance. Students of all grade levels had the opportunity to attend the College Fair during their lunch periods.

On August 16th, the WHS Media Center opened up their Career Café program to the U.S. Army. Sergeant Ponce spoke with interested students during lunch periods regarding education and careers available through the armed forces.



WHS students speak with U.S. Army reps – Sasha Stogniy, Toral Patel, and Zeba Huque



WHS ROTC students speak with U.S. Army reps

#CAREERCAFEWHS – MAKING BERNDULLI COOLERS

Kelly Burke's AP Physics 2 and Engineering 3 classes came to the media center on September 1st to create Berndulli Coolers which involved using Berndulli's principle to build an electricity free air cooler.



Matthew Tressler & Juan Camilo Rincon working on Berndulli cooler project



Trinity Powell, 9th grade, visits with college rep



Gabrielle (Abbie) Funk, 12th grade, visits with college rep



Cole Smith, Bailey Rende, Setareh Alavi working on Berndulli cooler project



WHS Students learn important resume writing techniques

#CAREERCAFEWHS – RESUME WRITING

Career Cafe also offered a resume writing workshop to students on September 6th. This workshop was presented by C3 Navigator with Goodwill.



WHS teacher, Kelly Burke, looks on as students construct Berndulli Coolers, far left Averie McDaniel, smiling is Briston Green, then Drew Mathena

#CAREERCAFEWHS - GA FUTURES

On August 30th, the WHS Media Center's program Career Cafe hosted GAfutures representative, Marcus Hilliard. Mr. Hilliard came and spoke with WHS students regarding scholarships, grants, loans, Act & SAT prep and assessments. His information was very valuable, especially to juniors and seniors as they prepare for the future.



Scott Tanner speaks to Marcus Hilliard



Mikayla Doyle and Baily Ebner speak to Marcus Hilliard



Marcus Hilliard addresses WHS students

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WHS MARCHING WOLVERINES

Hello Wolverine Nation! To say that our Varsity football team is off to a good start is an understatement. But hey, how 'bout them Marching Wolverines!! This year marks a departure from the normal in many ways – but as the author's favorite band once sang – "The Song Remains the Same."

First, let's talk about the show. While most of us were on the beach, in the mountains (or wanted to be) this summer, the Marching Wolverines were hard at it in Tuesday rehearsals. And summer camp – everyone's favorite! The theme of the show this year, "Field of Dreams", honestly raised a few eyebrows. Until the Marching Wolverines started to come together again. Once they heard the music – and remembered indeed how awesome they are, enthusiasm for the show picked up quickly.

And then the uniforms.. "Baseball?" "There's no baseball in Marching Band!!" But the Marching Wolverines again showed their "Can Do" attitude – the uniforms look great, and are a bit lighter to say the least, and dare I say the kids look incredible in them??

At this point, the Marching Wolverines, with apologies to Mr. Fogerty, were saying "Put Me in, Coach, We're Ready to Play!"

The season premiere of the show was incredible. The author (and photographer) overheard several in the crowd praising the "other band". But when the Marching Wolverines got into their show – the praise quickly switched – and all eyes were on the field.

The Marching Wolverine's second show was, in the author's opinion, an expression of hope. One of our fellow Wolverines, Maddi, had just tragically lost her life that morning. While the Band are finely-tuned (pun intended) machines of precision, they are also all heart. Every Marching Wolverine took the stands, then the field, with a yellow ribbon for Maddi. The Band pulled out all the stops, and in the author's opinion, put on a show that Maddi and all her fellow Saints would have enjoyed.

Rest in Peace, Maddi.

Many more practices and halftime shows lie ahead before competition season. But know this: when the question is asked: "IS YOUR BAND READY FOR COMPETITION (PERFORMANCE)" – the Marching Wolverines are ready..

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This past June, the TSA (Technology Student Association) chapter of Woodstock High School was given the opportunity to travel to the 39th National TSA Conference, an event that held over 7,700 participants at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. Students that attended participated in a wide array of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) related competitions such as VEX Robotics, Software Development, Architectural Design, 3D Animation and many more technological events. Accompanying the National Conference was the fifth year of the TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) competition, wherein Woodstock represented the state of Georgia due to winning first place in the state for High School TEAMS. Aside from this achievement, members homed in on their leadership skills through attending presentations about the Student Leadership Challenge, which is based on practices of exemplary leadership. Alongside these leadership sessions, students also witnessed an interview with Mr. Harris Rosen, the president and Chief Operating Officer of Rosen Hotels & Resorts, concerning his experience with leadership practices. It is not surprising that there was such an emphasis on leadership at the National Conference, since this year was the first year that the LEAP (Leadership. Education. Achievement. Personal Growth) program was implemented, encouraging students to be better members of TSA, scholars, and leaders. It is with this reinvigorated strength in leadership and knowledge gained from competing on a national level, that Woodstock TSA is preparing to lead in a technical world this upcoming year.



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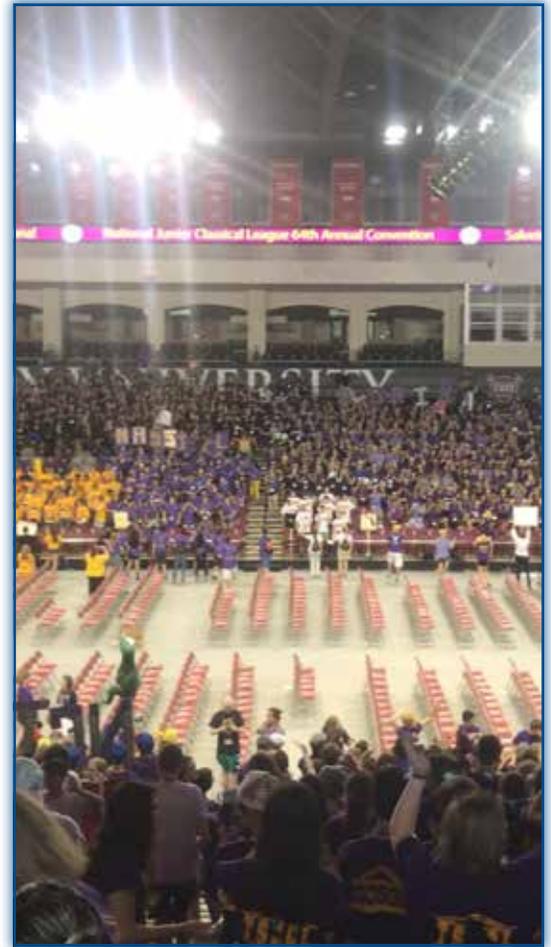
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WHS LATIN CLUB

Our current WHS Latin Club President Chloe LeRoy traveled to Troy, Alabama with the Georgia Junior Classical League to participate in the National Junior Classical League's annual Convention. There, she competed with her fellow Georgians against their toughest competitors, Indiana, Texas, and Florida in spirit competitions and Certamen tournaments. Chloe also had the opportunity to attend various colloquia, where she learned about Ancient Astrology, strange Roman Mythology, and how to succeed in AP Latin. During the week at the National Convention, she joined the National Junior Classical League Choir, and spent part of each day arranging pieces with other delegates from around the country to perform during the last General Assembly. This was an eye-opening experience to the immensity of the modern day impact that Latin has through programs such as the Junior Classical Leagues and Chloe is looking forward to attending this event again next year.



SAMI MATTERS

Three Wolverine clubs, TSA, FCA, and Friends Club have joined together to raise funds for a fellow classmate Sami. Sami is traveling to the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles to remove a life-threatening cervical spinal tumor. So far these clubs have raised over \$500. If you can help, please go to the following website because Sami Matters:

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Two of our Latin Wolverines, Rachel Heiter and Chloe LeRoy, spent their summer immersed in a world of Latin language and Roman culture during the 2017 Governors Honors Program. They, alongside other avid Latin lovers, translated the works of Cicero, Suetonius, and Caesar, among others, struggled to run the Roman Republic in a simulation established by the professors of the Classics department at the University of Georgia, and created life long memories and friendships alongside Georgia's best and brightest in this once in a lifetime opportunity.



FIVE CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TODAY WERE NAMED 2018 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMI-FINALISTS!

They are: of Etowah HS, Joseph Young; of River Ridge HS, twin sisters, Claire and Irene Chen, and Simon Yang; of Woodstock, Preston Alsup.

"Congratulations to these extraordinary students, their families and their teachers!" Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian V. Hightower said. "We are proud of your continued academic achievement on the path to college and career success. Our Merit Scholar semi-finalists are known for their accomplishments in the classroom and through extra-curricular and community activities, and we look forward to seeing them progress through this process... and, we hope, to earning scholarships!"

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which oversees the prestigious competition, has named 16,000 semi-finalists, who were selected from a pool of 1.6 Million students based on outstanding 2016 PSAT scores. Less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors are named semi-finalists.

To be considered as a finalist, the students next will submit a detailed application noting their academic achievements, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors; an endorsement and recommendation from a high school official; and an essay. Students also must earn SAT scores that confirm their PSAT performance.



The anticipated 15,000 finalists will compete for 7,500 scholarships worth about \$32 million, which will be awarded in the spring.

Congratulations to PRESTON ALSUP for being named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist!

LAW AND JUSTICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS CLASS GETS CPR AND FIRST AID CERTIFIED

On Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8, 2017, Ms. Antonelli's Law & Justice Criminal Investigations class got CPR (infant, child, and adult) and First Aid certified. Sergeant Pennie Lamanac with the Cherokee County Fire Department came to Woodstock High School and conducted the certification for all of the students. Sgt. Lamanac is the Fire and Life Safety Educator for her department. She taught the students many skills which include: AED proper usage, CPR for persons of all ages, and basic first aid. In total, 31 Law & Justice students were certified. The Career Tech department at Woodstock High School strives to maintain strong relationships with our community partners. This is just one example of the many opportunities our students have to learn from and work with members of the local community. Congratulations to these students on their successful certification and a big thank you to Sgt. Pennie Lamanac and the Cherokee County Fire Department.

The following pics are of 1.) Haley Estill (student) and Sgt. Pennie Lamanac (Cherokee County Fire Dept.) 2.) Erin Brook (student)



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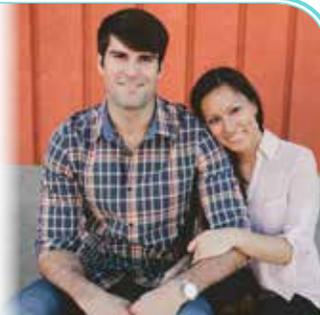
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If your child has any significant allergy, please consider bringing medication to the clinic to have available should your child experience an allergic reaction. The school does not supply **any** medication.

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.