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# Warren Early College High School

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## Newsletter

**“Preparing Scholars and Leaders of Tomorrow...Today!”**

Mission Statement:

Warren Early College High School provides students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an Associate’s degree in preparation for future endeavors and global challenges. Staff, parents, students and community stakeholders will work together to instill in each student the academic and social skills necessary for responsible and productive citizenship.

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### Principal’s Message...Preparing for the EOG’s and NC Final Tests

Greetings from WECHS! The first semester of the 2016-2017 school year is now complete, and the second semester is well underway. The End-of-Grade/NC Final tests for 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be administered beginning on May 9, 2017. The importance of these tests has been made public, not to mention the implications on students’ promotion and our school’s academic performance status.

I would like to share a few pointers for parents that will help our students to be in a position to do well on the EOG’s/NC Final tests:

-  Meet with your child’s teacher to identify specific skills your child is having difficulty understanding. Our staff will provide activities and websites so that you will be able to help your child practice on these skills at home. The more confident a child feels, the less test anxiety the/she will experience;
-  Teens experience test anxiety. Any of these relaxation practices will help re-focus students while they are testing: **BREATHE** – Inhale through your nose deeply and slowly. Then, hold the breath for 3-4 second period and exhale slowly; **READ** each question carefully – Take in each word as slowly as you can, making sure your brain understands the meaning of the question and what you are expected to do; and **REMAIN POSITIVE** – the EOG’s/NC Final tests is a measure of what you have learned throughout the school year.
-  Talk positively about the EOG’s/NC Final tests with your child; and
-  Make sure your child is physically prepared for the tests. Adequate rest, eating adequately and a good frame of mind are crucial.



Thanks in advance for all you will do to help our students be very successful on the tests this year. My expectation is that every student will make at least one year of growth. This is a reasonable expectation considering the high level of instruction and access to resources that have been provided throughout this school year. Our students have performed well, and I know that with your help they will be successful again.

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## 2016-2017 CALENDAR

### MARCH, 2017

- March 6<sup>th</sup>.....4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Awards Ceremony
- March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.....Spring Break
- March 13<sup>th</sup>.....Driver's Education Class Starts
- March 13<sup>th</sup>.....DRE Night Class starts at VGCC
- March 14<sup>th</sup>.....Poetry Slam/WCMS/5:30pm
- March 14<sup>th</sup>.....WCS' School Board Meeting/Central Office
- March 16<sup>th</sup>.....Parent Teacher SLICE Conferences, Progress Reports, Early Dismissal
- March 17<sup>th</sup>.....Makeup Snow Day

### APRIL, 2017

- April 1<sup>st</sup>.....Prom
- April 6<sup>th</sup>.....End of 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks
- April 13<sup>th</sup>.....Report Cards
- April 14<sup>th</sup>.....Holiday/Good Friday
- April 17<sup>th</sup>.....Holiday/Easter Monday
- April 18<sup>th</sup>.....Accuplacer Testing (Math)
- April 19<sup>th</sup>.....Accuplacer Testing (Math)
- April 20<sup>th</sup>.....Accuplacer Testing (Retest for Math and English)
- April 28<sup>th</sup>.....Early Release

## LIGHT OF CHARACTER "HONESTY"

Congratulations to Mia Richardson for being awarded February's Light of Character.



## BEST ATTENDANCE

Warren Early College High School was recognized for having the best attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive time this school year. Warren Early College earned the honor with an attendance rate of 96.62%. Congratulations to the students of WECHS!

## WECHS CELEBRATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Principal Neal recognized forty-four students for their academic accomplishments earned during the fourth grading period. Certificates and medals were awarded to eleven students for earning "Principal's List", twenty-one students for earning "A/B Honor Roll" and twelve students for earning "Perfect Attendance." WECHS congratulates these students!



## WECHS STUDENTS EARN VGCC'S PRESIDENT'S AND DEAN'S LIST

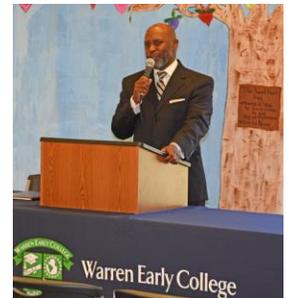
WECHS students Amanda Miller (rising Senior/Early Graduate) and Makayla Williams (rising Senior/Early Graduate) made the President's List and Sarah Boone (rising Senior) made the Dean's list for VGCC's Fall semester.



Left to Right: Amanda Miller, Sarah Boone and Makayla Williams

## WECHS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WECHS welcomed guest speakers to present our Black History Month Program on February 24, 2017. Pastor Eddie W. Lawrence of Greenwood Baptist Church talked about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and offered a dramatic reading of the famous "I Have a Dream" speech, which King gave in Washington, D.C. in 1963.



Pastor Lawrence informed students that Black History Month began as a weeklong observance established by Carter G. Woodson in 1963. Pastor Lawrence also paid tribute to Crispus Attucks, Douglas Wilder, and Fredrick Douglas.

Senator Angela Bryant, who represents Senate District 4 in the N.C. General Assembly, told students that she was one of the first five students to integrate the public schools in Rocky Mount, NC. She reminded students that young people have taken the lead movements to promote change

throughout the history of our country. Senator Bryant told student that “The Early College Movement is still young in North Carolina, and there is more to done to expand it. She reminded students that all elected officials have responsibility in funding education and that she wanted to hear from our students about their experiences at WECHS.



## COLLEGE BOUND!!

Of our thirteen potential graduates, three of which are potential early graduates, eight of our students have been accepted to a college or university:

- ✦ Alvarado, Jasmine: Longwood University, Manhattanville College, Pennsylvania State University, UNC-Pembroke
- ✦ Arrieta, Janneth: Wingate University
- ✦ Avalos, Javier: Mount Olive College
- ✦ Boone, Aaron: Wingate University
- ✦ Cutts, Whitney: Wingate University
- ✦ Labra, Steven: East Carolina University, Rhode Island University, UNC-Pembroke
- ✦ Miller, Amanda: Appalachian State University, Georgia State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro
- ✦ Short, Savannah: Appalachian State University

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE ALREADY ACCEPTED AND STAY TUNED... THERE WILL BE MORE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS TO COME!!!!

## EARNING THE GREEN

On January 26, 2017, a ceremony was held for 18 students who were recognized for “Earning the Green.” This milestone is reached when students have earned



at 26 college credits towards an Associate’s degree. During the ceremony, students were given a green polo shirt embroidered with our school’s logo and a certificate from VGCC recognizing their accomplishment. Mrs. Danylu Hundley, a retired educator and first principal of WECHS, was our guest speaker. The Green was awarded to students by Vance-Granville Community College’s Dr. Angela Ballentine, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Lyndon Hall, Dean of the Warren County campus; Ms. Faye Goode, College Liaison; Dr. Ray Spain, Superintendent of Warren County Schools; Dr. Linda Mason, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and

Instruction for Warren County Schools; and Ms. Tracey Neal, Principal of WECHS. The following students “Earned the Green”: Seniors: Janneth Arrieta, Javier Avalos, Aaron Boone, Patrice Carroll, LaDayzha Hicks, and Gavin Richardson; Rising Seniors: Shaquira Alston, Jasmine Alvarado, Sarah Boone, Whitney Cutts, Takiera Mayo, Casey Pollock, and Makayla Williams; Juniors: Edgar Arrieta-Reyes, Isaac Barnett, Kiah Durham, Nubia Lockett, Raina Mills, Giovanni Reyes, and Taylor Sidden. Congratulations to our students for “Earning the Green!”

## COUNSELOR’S CORNER

**Attendance** – Attendance letters are being sent out to inform you of the number of absences your child has had for this school year. *Warren County School’s Board policy states the following: 4400 (D): Students in grades 9-12 must be present for a minimum of 91% of all class meetings to receive credit for a course during any grading period. That is, if absences from classes exceed four per nine weeks or eight per semester, the student shall not receive credit for the semester.* If you have any questions about your child’s attendance please contact me.

**College Acceptance Letters** – Our potential graduates are starting to receive college acceptance letters. Please remind your child to check his or her email for acceptances. Also, please keep a check on the mail for acceptance letters.

**Engrade** – WECHS utilizes Engrade for our grading system. This program allows you, as the parent, to view your child’s progress at anytime. If you have not set up an email with your child’s College Learning Community teacher, please do as soon as possible.

**FASFA** – To the parents of our potential graduates: If you and your child have not completed the FASFA form online, please do as soon as possible.

**Graduation Dates:** VGCC Graduation - May 12, 2017 at 6:00pm on the main campus of VGCC.

WECHS Graduation: May 18, 2017 at 6:00pm in the gym of WCMS.

**Senior Night** – Senior Night will be held on May 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria of WECHS.

**VGCC’s Starfish Notification** – VGCC has a system in place that sends out Starfish Notifications via email to all students and our college liaison. This notification is sent to a student for the following reasons: (1) a student is academically below a “C” average or (2) a student is in violation of the attendance policy. A letter will be sent to the parent stating the reason for the notification. Please talk to your child about any notifications that he/she receives.

**Yearbooks** – The deadline to purchase yearbooks is April 4, 2017. Please visit [www.treering.com/1014455168201809](http://www.treering.com/1014455168201809). The cost is \$20.00.