

Woodland Middle School

Newsletter

"The Woodland Way...Every Day...All Day!"

September, 2020

Our Mission

The Woodland Middle School Community collaboratively engages all students through relevant learning experiences to empower them to succeed.

Our Vision

Woodland Middle School will be a high functioning professional learning community that promotes learning for all students.

Our Collective Commitments

- Embrace the continuous and collaborative process that ensures student learning for all.
- Create and evaluate common formative assessments to inform instructional decisions.
- Provide interventions for students who need remediation and enrichment for students who need acceleration.
- Transition from a focus on teaching/presenting to a focus on learning.
- Provide a guaranteed curriculum that promises relevant learning experiences for all students.
- Create a school-wide culture that ensures or promotes teacher efficacy.

Our School Day

School Hours: 8:20 am - 3:20 pm

Morning drop off: Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:30 am

Students will go straight to homeroom or the cafeteria when they arrive at school.

Softball has started

The Lady Cats are off to a great start. They have shown steady improvement with each game. They've suffered a couple of losses, but have gained several strong wins also, including defeating Cartersville Middle.



Football Team Makes History



The Wildcat Football team made history and shocked the world on Thursday, September 3. You may have felt the earth shake. The epicenter of this event was at the corner of Douthit Ferry Road and Pine Grove Road. In its inaugural game, Woodland visited Cartersville Middle to play the Purple Hurricanes. A'darrian Taylor-Wilson ran the opening kickoff back for a touchdown. Just a few minutes later Woodland scored again and led 14-0. The Hurricanes scored before the half and the score remained 14- at halftime. Cartersville came out strong in the 3rd quarter and scored two quick touchdowns. Cartersville led 21-14 as the 3rd quarter came to a close. The Wildcats did not give up. They scored again and went for 2 points. They did not score on the 2-point attempt and were down 21-20. Cartersville drove the ball deep into Woodland territory and seemed as if they were going to score again. Woodland held them and got the ball back. The Wildcats began to slowly drive the ball down the field. They got deep in Cartersville territory. Then penalties hit. Two consecutive penalties moved the ball back near the 40 yard line. On 3rd down and long, Ja'Mauri Brice took the snap, stepped back a couple of steps, and threw the ball towards the left corner of the end zone. Adarian Taylor-Wilson jumped up in the middle of several defenders and brought down the touchdown catch. It was the pass heard round the world. Woodland held tough the last couple of minutes and brought home the victory, 26-21. David defeated Goliath!

Cross Country Team places 2nd



Our cross country team competed in the Run at the Rock at Woodland High School. Both boys and girls teams finished 2nd in the meet. We are proud of our cross country teams.

Academic Team is 2-0



The WMS academic team are the reigning region champions from last year. They are off to a 2-0 start this year. We are excited to see the good work they are displaying. Way to go guys!!!

Food Truck Visits WMS

Chuck's Curbside Cheesesteaks visited WMS last Friday. Our staff had the opportunity to order a sandwich and go pick it up during their lunch. What a delicious meal and a great way to end the week. We will have more Food Truck Fridays to come. Mule House Pizza will be next on September 25.



Kona Ice in the House



Kona Ice comes to visit once a month. Students have the chance to buy a Kona Ice after they have finished their lunch. Prices range from \$3-6. Look on social media to see when they will visit next.

Important Events this Month

- September 7: Labor Day Holiday
- September 10: Digital Title 1 Meeting at 10:00 am via Microsoft Teams
- September 10: Progress reports go home
- September 18: Fall Pictures
- September 21-23: Fall Break for Students
- September 23: Professional Learning Day for Staff

Masks on Sale

We now have WMS face masks for sale. They are \$8 each. Please check in the front office to purchase one.



Social Distancing

During the current pandemic circumstances, we are striving to adhere to all social distancing guidelines. This includes maintaining 6 feet distance as much as possible, wearing a mask, and washing hands as often as possible. While we do not require a mask, we highly encourage all students, staff and guests to wear one. Also, if a guest comes in the building, we will be checking your temperature. If your temperature is higher than 100.7, you will not be allowed to come in the building.

Carpool Lanes at Arrival/Dismissal

Parents, we need your help to ensure that our carpool lanes are as safe as possible.

- We ask that you maintain no more than a 15 mph speed limit.
- Also, please do not allow your child to leave or enter your car until you reach the designated crosswalk area right in front of the main entrance.
- We maintain two lanes in the drive-through for carpool.
- We keep the middle lane clear for safety purposes.

Deadline for Items to be Dropped Off

Parents, please make sure your student has all belongings and necessary items before being dropped off in the morning. We will not be accepting items dropped off at the school after 8:30 am.

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures for this Year

- We will not be using lockers this year
- Water fountains will only be used to refill water bottles. Please allow your child to bring a clear, see-through water bottle to refill.
- No group restroom breaks. Students will go on an individual, as-needed basis.
- No dressing out for P.E. Gym lockers will not be used.
- Alternate seating in cafeteria.
- Alternate seating in classrooms.
- No large group gatherings.

Character word of the week....

We focus on a new character word every week. One of those words is chosen each month for our student of the month recognition.

Our character words for the month of August were:

Week 1: Ready

Week 2: Positive

Week 3: Initiative

Week 4: Caring

Our character words for September are:

Week 1: School Pride

Week 2: Kindness

Week 3: Trustworthiness

Week 4: Service (to others)

Cats Cash

Students who practice positive behavior may be recognized by their teachers or staff members. Staff members give out CATS cash to students who are exemplifying the "Woodland Way" and practicing good behavior. That CATS cash may be used as entrance into events such as dances, etc. or to buy items from our PBIS store.

PBIS Rewards App



We are excited to announce that we are now using the PBIS rewards app. This will take the place of CATS cash. Teachers and staff can use their phone or computer to give a student a point or digital CATS cash for doing the right thing. PBIS stands for positive behavior interventions and supports. We will have a PBIS store where students can go to redeem their points. Students can access their points from Class Link. Administrators and staff can also give adults points and they can also use their points to redeem prizes. We want to recognize people for following the Woodland Way and doing the right work.

Afternoon Checkout...

Parents: If you need to check your student out from school early, please do so before 3:00 pm. No students will be allowed to check out after 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support and assistance with this.

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