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Headmaster John Welch and assistant headmaster James Watts proudly display Windsor's Certificate of Accreditation from SACS and SAIS.

The New 65 or GG00AALL!!!!

By: Headmaster
John Welch

Before you start groaning, this is not an article about soccer or about growing old, but rather an article about continuing to grow. When I was a freshly graduated-from-high school young adult, everyone I knew, young and old, talked about what they were going to do when they retired at 65. 65! I hadn't even reached 18 yet. Why should I worry about retiring when I hadn't started college yet, let alone had a real job. My fake job was putting bicycles together at Otasco-Economy Auto for a dollar an hour. Big money for a 16 year old in 1967!! (Not a sarcastic remark.) Even if I never got married, or had a family, or bought a house, and walked everywhere I went, it was unlikely a dollar

an hour job was going to provide me with a great RETIREMENT. (Some sarcasm hidden in there somewhere, if you go looking for it) After working as a Special Education Teacher, coach, and administrator for 34 years, 31 of them in public education, it was time to ease off into the sunset. It was a beautiful sunset but it was not going to be enough to fill my life, and give me purpose. WOW!! I went from approaching 18 to about to be 65 in the blink of an eye. And I never got a chance to put on the brakes! But it's all good. When I found out I would be Windsor's next Headmaster ranks right up there with becoming a husband and becoming a Dad. The excitement of looking forward to changing jobs helped me

finish out my career in public education on a higher note than I had started out. And it also clarified what I had hoped would happen after I had reached retirement age. I was about to turn 65, and I had set a GOAL for myself to not stop being an educator until it was no longer enjoyable to me. I was being given a new opportunity to grow as a human being and to prove myself all over again.

Read on... Here it comes... Watch out! Now you can groan! I had attained another GOAL in my life. I had been saying for a very long time that I did not want to just get in my 30 years and retire. And thanks to Windsor, I would continue to do what I love.

And...? Oh no, he's going to write that word again. GOALS!!! I can now set new GOALS. Not just for me but for the school, and for our students. GOALS! GOALS! GOALS! And more GOALS! (Okay... this one is blatantly hype.)

What I am trying to say is the same thing my parents told me, my teachers told me, and what your parents and teachers keep telling you. GOALS need to be set. GOALS help you move forward in life. Achieving your GOALS gives you a sense of accomplishment.

I want to add another importance for setting GOALS. One of your GOALS should always be about helping other people reach their GOALS. When you magnify someone else's life, yours will be magnified many more times over. And because of doing that, I realized that I felt better about them achieving their goals than I did when I achieved my own.

I had not set as one of my GOALS to be happy when I was older but I truly believe that by achieving my GOALS, and helping others achieve their GOALS, I reached the unwritten GOAL of being HAPPY.

Being at Windsor has added to my happiness. I work with an awesome group of dedicated teachers who have embraced some of my GOALS for the school. And I get to see an awesome group of students who have made me feel at home here at Windsor.

For those of you who are reading this article and thinking that your child is not being educated properly or genuinely cared about at their present school, I invite you to come visit our GOAL-oriented school.

Windsor Academy Breaks Blood Drive Record

by Kaelyn Shields



Junior Trey Davis gives blood during the American Red Cross blood drive.

Windsor Academy's first American Red Cross blood drive of the year was definitely one to remember. On September 8th, 2016, the school set a new personal record with gaining 9 new first time donors. In total, the school obtained 29 pints of blood drawn for the American Red Cross foundation. During the blood drive, over 25 donors in total came and gave blood. Donors included students, teachers, parents, grandparents, and more. The blood drives are held by high school teacher, Mrs. Ashley Bentley. Windsor Academy holds three blood drives throughout the school year. In doing so, Windsor hopes to instill the values of giving back to the community and helping others in their students. When asked why he gave blood at the drive, senior Spencer Douglas replied, "I enjoy giving blood because I know my few minutes doing so could save so many lives." Student Cierra Gordon also enjoys helping the community and stated, "I enjoy giving blood because I love the feeling of giving back to others and helping them in any way I can." We also encourage the community to attend the blood drives and donate along with students and faculty. All you need to do is come in, sign up, and sit down. From the school, the blood goes to help save lives all over the community. It's quick, easy, and a great experience. So please come on in and give blood at our next blood drive in the Windsor Academy gymnasium on December 8th, 2016. You could be the one to help save a life.

Former NFL Player Delivers Inspiration to Students

by Sydney Weiche



Tim Worley prepares to throw a football into the crowd after Windsor Chapel services.

Recently at chapel we had a special guest speaker, Tim Worley. He was born in Lumberton, North Carolina and was recognized as a parade magazine high school football All American. Worley played college football at the University of Georgia beginning in 1985. His freshman year he led the team in touchdowns and he served as the team's second leading rusher as a freshman with six hundred and twenty seven yards. In 1989, he was selected in the first round of the NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He did really well his first year. However, his second year was not as promising.

He was injured most of the 1991 season and was suspended the following year for missing two mandatory drug tests.

Because of the decisions he made in the NFL, he decided to become a motivational speaker for Worley Global Enterprises. Our Chapel leader, Coach Johnson, was able to get him to come inspire the students at our school. When asked what made him choose Worley, Coach Johnson said, "It was really a blessing in disguise. He was on a three day speaking tour in Middle Georgia. By chance, our FCA leader called me up and asked if we wanted him to speak." His message, called Dare to Dream, talks about how being around bad influences will change the way you are and lead you to make bad decisions the way he did. His message spoke to many students, making them realize that it is okay to have big dreams, but to always be careful of who can influence you.

A Knight's Homecoming

by Payton Sapp Daniel

On September 16, 2016, Windsor Academy held the 47th annual Homecoming Game. Students kicked off the week by dressing up as "Tacky Tourists". Wednesday, the Junior and Senior girls faced off in an intense Powderpuff Game, resulting in a victory for the Seniors. Then, on Thursday, baby powder and shaving cream were the weapons between the Junior and Senior Classes. Students dressed in blue and white on Friday in preparation for the night's events.

At halftime, retired Headmaster Dr. J.C. Cranford returned to Knight Mr. Jonathon Osborn. Engines were then revved and the ladies of the court made their way around the track.

Announced as 2nd runner up to the crown was Miss Marissa Gatto, followed by Miss Savannah Thorne as 1st runner up. Representing the Class of 2017 as the Homecoming Queen was Miss Skye McKinney.



Windsor students participate in a pep rally game during Homecoming week.

When asked what her thoughts were on receiving this honor, she stated, "I am happy and excited to be representing my class and the school as Homecoming Queen".

The week was certainly a success, and all the Lady Knights looked gorgeous parading around the track. Windsor Academy looks forward to the many years to come following the long lasting Homecoming traditions.

Windsor Academy's Newest Additions

by Sydney Thompson and Breanna Word



Mr. Robbie Kinard

Mr. Robbie Kinard teaches Chemistry, Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science for grades 6th, 8th, 9th, and 11th. He received his high school diploma from Jackson High School in Butts County, and graduated from Georgia College and State University. He has collectively taught for nineteen years at Pinecrest Academy, Monroe Academy, Piedmont Academy, Spalding High School, and most recently, Windsor Academy. Mr. Kinard is planning to start a girls soccer team, which gained more interest than anticipated. Outside of teaching, he spends his time fishing, woodworking, and collecting Native American artifacts. His favorite saying is "When all else fails, get a dog."



Mr. Joey Embro

Mr. Joey Embro teaches Spanish I, Spanish II, French I, French II, and 6th grade history. He graduated from Ridgeview High School in Atlanta, and received his master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He has been teaching for twenty-one years in many different schools, but a few examples are Trinity Christian, Washington Academy in Maine, and Covenant. Mr. Embro coaches football and wrestling, and will soon be coaching track and golf. Some of his hobbies include photography and home renovations. His favorite quote is, "It is essential to understand that battles are primarily won in the hearts of men." –Vince Lombardi. He believes this applies to all battles in life, whether they are on the football field, the wrestling mat, or the spiritual battles we have as Christians in a fallen world.



Ms. Barbara Brown

Ms. Barbara Brown teaches 5th grade Reading and English and 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English Language Arts. Ms. Brown received her high school diploma from Dardanelle High School in Dardanelle, Arkansas. She went to college at the University of Arkansas, and at the Draughton School of Business. She has been teaching for thirty years, and has taught grades 3rd through 9th. She taught at Huntsville Elementary in Arkansas, and Huntsville Middle for ten years. She taught at Martin Luther King for two years and at Porter Elementary for seventeen years. In her free time, Ms. Brown enjoys listening to music, gardening, reading, writing, and watching college football. Her favorite saying is "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten."

Windsor Academy Football Player Wins His Third Macon Touchdown Club Award

by Katilyn Ashley Treem



Senior Marquise Jackson and Coach James Watts pose with his trophy.

Windsor Academy senior, Marquise Jackson, has had the honor to receive the Special Teams Player of the Week award from the Macon Touchdown Club. He was presented with this honor on September 13, 2016 at the Methodist Children's Home in Downtown Macon. Marquise now has three awards from the Macon Touchdown Club, including two previous Back of the Week awards. Winners are chosen out of all the schools in Middle Georgia and the player who plays the best that Friday receives this award. Marquise would like to thank Coach James Watts for nominating him. When asked how he tries to inspire his team, Coach Watts said, "The way I inspire my players is to help them set goals." He also helps them strive to reach these goals and accomplish them. Coach Watts states that he is very proud of Marquise and that these awards contribute to the team in a positive way. Marquise would also like to thank God for the ability to play sports and says, "Go hard every chance you get, because you never know who is watching you."

Windsor Football Player Wins Lineman of the Week

by Ansley Jennings



Junior Cooper Daniels proudly displays his trophy while standing with representatives from Alfa Insurance.

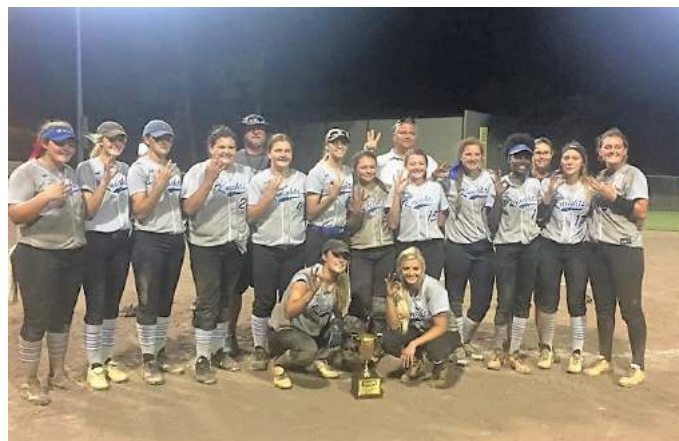
Windsor Academy football player, Cooper Daniels, was recently awarded the Alfa Insurance Offensive Lineman of the week award. Cooper is a junior at Windsor Academy and is a pretty great asset to the team. On the day he was recognized, Coach Watts, the head football coach, told us that Daniels is also backup QB and volunteered to play O-Line to help his team. Cooper has also been named team captain twice for his efforts. In an interview with Daniels, he said he did not want to take full credit for the award because without his teammates or coaches, getting this award would not be possible. He also said this is a good way for the team and school to get noticed and states, "I hope this will encourage the team to play even better as the season comes to an end". Cooper does not have any plans to play football at the college level, but says he is loving his high school football career so far.

Lady Knights Softball Team Wins 3rd Consecutive State Title

by Skye McKinney and
Kassidy Hulett

The Lady Knights have won their third consecutive softball State title this year. They started preparing for the season in early July and worked hours throughout the week in the hot sun getting ready for the upcoming season. The team began their season by winning their pre-season tournament. They played Friday and Saturday with the championship game ending at two in the morning Saturday. They beat D.E.A twice to capture the trophy. At the tournament, it showed they had a lot of heart and dedication to the program. After coming off of back to back state titles, they were going to have to work extra hard because everyone wanted to beat them. After losing three seniors last year, the Lady Knights gained four new players. With tough wins and losses, the Lady Knights pushed through the regular season. They played many triple A schools including Westfield, Pinewood, and Gatewood where the Lady Knights took big wins.

Finally, the Lady Knights started off region beating Brentwood making their record 1-0. Next, they had Thomas Jefferson and Briarwood taking hard losses but came back and beat Briarwood 9-1 placing the Lady Knights at second place in region. Now, they started to prepare for State with having three more non-region games including Flint River, where the Knights took a huge win. The Lady Knights played Trinity on their senior night beating them 9-1. They played their first round of state at home on October 4th at 1 o'clock against Westwood. The first game, the Lady Knights won 9-3 and the second game they won 7-0 to advance to the second round of state. On Thursday, they played Robert Toombs for the second round of state. They played a best 2 out of 3 series. They won the first game 9-8 and lost the second game 10-6. They had to come back on the following Monday and play at 12 for the third



The Lady Knights pose with their third State softball trophy.

game. They came out on Monday with hot bats making the final score 11-1 advancing them to final four. The team then played on Tuesday at Piedmont. The first game score was 7-0. They had a little trouble in the second game, but they pulled through winning the second game 8-6. This advanced them to the State Championship. On Saturday, October 15th, the Lady Knights played Brentwood Academy in a 3 game series. The Knights lost the first

game 4-2, but they came out the second game with hot bats winning the game 6-1. They kept the momentum going in the third game, shutting Brentwood down and beating them 7-1. When asked about the championship title, Coach Newberry says, "I'm extremely proud of all the girls for their hard work and dedication. It wasn't easy but we pulled together as a team and in the end, the better team prevailed."

Windsor Knights' Friday Night Lights

by Trey Davis

Windsor Academy's football team is having a winning season so far. Head football coach, James Watts, states that, "We've hit some rough patches through the season this year, but those problems can be easily fixed". Watts has been stressing the importance of leadership this whole season, and says that lack of leadership is what is hurting our team the most. We asked what his number one goal was and if he thought it was achievable. He says that his number one goal is to win a state championship. Coach Watts says that he thinks that is a very achievable goal with the talent and ability of his team this year.

The team started out the season with a loss to Triple A school, Heritage Christian. They then won three consecutive games against Westwood school, long time rival, Covenant Academy, and Trinity Christian School of Sharpsburg. Losing to Brentwood was a devastating loss to the Knights, but that didn't stop them from refocusing and beating Georgia Christian on Homecoming night.



The Knights take the field on Homecoming night.

The Knights went into the next game as the underdog, going against the consecutive State champions, Memorial Day. The Knights fought hard in the first half but the heat got to them in the second half and they were unable to pull out the win. The Knights suited up for the first region game against Piedmont Academy, but came up short at the end of the game. They also took a tough loss against region opponent Flint River Academy. They are now ready for their final game against Bethlehem

Temple. The Knights had many ups and downs through the season but still keep their heads high. They are still looking forward to the rest of the season to show how well a Knight can fight.

Dates to Remember:

by Jeri Scarborough

Windsor's Winter
Wonderland will be
December 3 from 11-2 pm.

Our next blood drive will
be December 8th.

The Elementary
Christmas play will be on
December 8th.

Windsor's Christmas
break will be December
19th- January 6th.

Windsor's Got Talent
show will be here in Spring
2017.