

**Woods Charter School  
Principal's Report  
May 17, 2012**

The entire Woods community is grieving the loss of two alums from the class of 2010: Chris Hasbrouck and Schuyler Emerson. As a small community, the ripple effect of these losses is great and we hope that you might hold the Emerson family, as well as the Hasbrouck family, in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead. We encourage parents to continue any conversations with young people at home. We have had grief counselors available throughout the day on both occasions, and we will continue to be vigilant around student responses to this sad news.

We are knee-deep in testing. AP testing in 15 different exam areas began last Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, with AP Environmental, continued with AP Psychology, AP Spanish, AP Art History, AP Calculus, AP English Literature, AP US History, AP European History, AP Biology, AP Physics, AP US Government, AP Comparative Government, AP Statistics, AP World History, and AP Human Geography. AP testing will involve over 300 exams being given. AP testing ends on May 24<sup>th</sup>. EOCs and EOGs, as well as regular end of year exams, begin soon. See the testing calendars and schedules online.

**Personnel Report**

Faculty who will not return next year include the following: Julie Rosen, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and elementary administrator; Carlos Lavin, EC Teacher; and Holly Zickefoose, Athletic Director and Health/PE Teacher.

Bonnie Ross has been hired to teach Grade 4. Cindy Sperry has been hired to be Elementary Administrator, as well as K-12 Director of Student Support. We are about ready to offer a contract for the EC position. Our search for a new Athletic Director and Health/PE teacher is underway.

**NC Science Olympiad and Envirothon**

Congratulations to our Envirothon and Science Olympiad teams. Detailed lists of accomplishments and all people involved have appeared in the newsletter. April 20-21 - Envirothon State Meet. April 27-28 - NCSO State Meet. Congratulations, students, parents, volunteers, and teachers for a superb season!

**PTSA**

Faculty Appreciation Week was a huge success. Thank you to the PTSA. The final PTSA meeting of the year will be on May 24 at 6:30 pm.

**Foundation**

On April 24 at 7pm, the WCS Foundation hosted a stimulating speaker: "*Global Culture in a Flat World*" was discussed by Lowell Hoffman, Head of Global Sourcing Solutions and Adjunct Professor at Kenan-Flagler Business School. Thank you to the Foundation for the new speaker's series.

**Yard Sale**

The yard sale raised over \$3000 which will be used for school health expenses, as well as to support field trips.

### **PowerSchool Database Implementation**

Our PowerSchool database implementation continues. We are making good progress on scheduling for next year. Sign-ups were conducted online. We are optimistic that scheduling will be completed before we depart for the summer. Thanks to Matthew Etherington, Anna Thrower, Denise O’Gorman, and Megan DiMaio for outstanding work on this very demanding project.

### **Athletic Recognition / Booster Club**

Our annual athletic recognition was held in the gym this year, made possible by the new bleachers. It was a festive occasion. Special thanks to Holly Zickefoose, Athletic Director, and Mary Crabtree, Booster Club President, as well as Booster Club members, for making this event possible to honor coaches and athletes. We were proud of all participants and especially our scholar-athletes who combine academic and athletic excellence.

### **ARTS**

Congratulations to the cast and crew of our high school play, *Archie and the Wallflower* –which was presented in The Great Room Theatre on April 28 at 7pm and April 29 at 5pm.

Spring Concert happened this afternoon in the Great Room.

Don’t miss:

May 18 at 6pm/19 at 9am - Art in the Woods here in The Great Room

May 19 – special musical performances at Briar Chapel featuring Woods students, beginning at noon

### **Thank you, Chatham Community Church!**

On May 6 Chatham Church created “Sandbox Sunday” from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. With the help of Jim Malone and Woods volunteers, a new sandbox was created on the playground.

### **End of Year Events**

**Watch the online calendar for complete details.**

May 24 – faculty/student basketball game at 4pm

May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday

June 7 - Field day

June 7 at 2pm – Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony

Senior Dinner

June 8 – ½ Day - Last day of school

Awards assemblies

Graduation – June 9 at 10 am

Board meeting – June 14 @ 7pm

June 15 – final report cards mailed