
WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BOULEVARD

WILDCATS WRAP UP A MONTH OF WINS AND HIGHLIGHTS!

PRINCIPAL'S SPOTLIGHT



What a wonderful first semester it has been! As we head into the Christmas Holiday, I want to take a moment to thank our amazing staff, outstanding students, and supportive parents/guardians for making this semester such a success. Your hard work, teamwork, and positive spirit truly make our school a special place.

May your holidays be filled with laughter, love, and the joy of spending time with family and friends. Take this time to relax, recharge, and reflect on all the great things we've accomplished together.

From our school family to yours...
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Wishing you peace, joy, and a bright start to the new year!

Kind Regards,

Dr. Middleton



November was another successful month here on the Boulevard! We saw our students and staff radiate the Wildcat spirit through academics, sports, community, and more. Our school has continued to show up and show out month after month!

Opening the month, our band competed in the Battle of the Bands. Following this, Coach Gamble led cross country to victory at the regionals! The basketball team has showed hard work and great skill at their games this month. The varsity football team has had some great successes and made it to the second round of state championship playoffs! At each of these events we have seen great support from our students, the families, alumni, and Wildcat community.

As November came to a close, students began gearing up for winter festivities and semester final exams balancing celebration with preparation. It was a month that truly showcased the heart, talent, and teamwork of our school community. Looking ahead, the excitement continues as we welcome December with holiday events, winter sports, and opportunities to finish the semester strong. The energy and dedication shown in November set the perfect tone for the season ahead, reminding us that every achievement and tradition brings us closer together as Wildcats.

Upcoming Events

Sports

Basketball (Varsity)

December 5th: Laney vs. Warren Co.
(Boys & Girls) @ Warren Co.

December 6th: Laney vs. Westside
(Boys & Girls) @ Laney

December 13th: Laney vs. Midland Valley
(Boys & Girls) @ Laney

December 13th: Laney vs. Hephzibah (Boys
& Girls) @ Laney

December 19th - 20th: Savannah Invitational
(Girls) @ Beach H.S.

December 26th: XMAS Tournament
(Girls vs. South Aiken & Boys vs. Jefferson
County) @ Laney

December 26th: XMAS Tournament
(Girls vs. Westside & Boys vs. Westside)
@ Laney

December 29th: XMAS Tournament
(Girls vs. Hephzibah) @ Laney

Basketball (J.V.)

December 3rd: Laney vs. Hephzibah (Boys & Girls)
@ Hephzibah

December 10th: Laney vs. Josey (Boys & Girls)
@ Laney

December 17th: Laney vs. Butler (Boys & Girls)
@ Butler

December 16th - 18th
Semester Final Exams

December 19th
Early Release...Dismissal at 12:45PM

December 22nd - January 5th
Christmas/Winter Break

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School Spotlights

LANEY WILDCATS DOMINATE THE SPOTLIGHT: A SEASON TO REMEMBER!

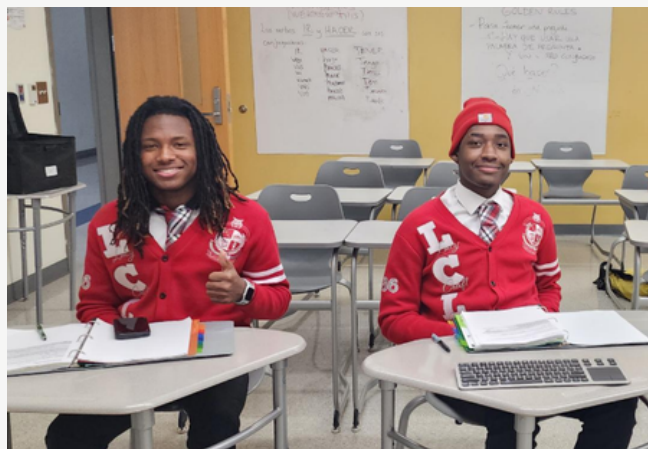
On Friday, November 14th, Lucy C. Laney's Varsity Football Team traveled to Oglethorpe for the first round of state playoffs. The team played hard, and it was apparent that their hard work and dedication had paid off. The Wildcats came out victorious, 48-29.

Friday, November 21st, the players went to Rockmart to play in the second round of state playoffs. Our team fell short; however, we commend our team for an excellent season.

We spoke to several of the players and they shared that they "stayed true to their game plan." They also mentioned that they were confident this would not be their final game of the season. Although they faced a few challenges, they worked through them together as a team. SHOUT OUT to the coaching staff and the football team for finishing off the season STRONG!!!

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Laney Wildcats Take Center Stage in November's Spotlight!

Saturday (Nov. 13th), 8 members (4 teams) of the Laney Debate team competed in the November AUDL Competition. They represented Laney well with our largest group ever going to competition. We had one team (2 students) medal in the Junior Varsity Division; Vertex Moore and Napoleon Phillips. Congratulations to both of them, but also to our entire group of competitors who traveled and debated very well in this competition. Our next traveling debate is in February and again in March for the final tournament of the 2025-2026 season. We will be working toward hosting a debate here in Augusta in January.

Recent History of Debate in RCSS:

Debate was brought to the High Schools in Richmond County in 2023. Laney Debate Team joined the other RCSS High Schools at that time. We are in our 3rd year and working to bring Debate Tournaments to Augusta Schools locally. We are hoping to officially host our first competition in January 2026. Currently, the Debate Team travels 4 times a year to Atlanta in order to compete with the Atlanta Urban Debate League. We compete on 4 different levels determined by years of experience. Novice students are in their 1st year of debate, possibly 2nd if they have not competed much in their prior year. Junior Varsity is 2 to 3 years, Varsity is 3 to 4 years, and the Open Division is 3 or more years.

Laney Debate Team competes in what is called Policy Debate. Our topic is something currently in the government and they debate the same topic all year long. The evidence they use in the debate is provided by Emory University to the lower divisions and the Open division does all of their own research for their debates. This year's topic is about OTEC (Ocean Thermal Energy Conservation) systems and if the US Government should support the building and running of these with Financial and Technology assistance. In policy debate, climate change and democracy are the 2 main points that have to be covered in every debate topic. Students debate from both the Affirmative and the Negative point of view. In one debate competition, they will have 4 rounds to compete in, each lasting approximately an hour. They will debate the affirmative side 2 times and the negative 2 times totaling 4 rounds total. Students are scored as a team of 2... which team convinced the judge that their side had the better argument, and they are scored individually on their speaking ability. A top percentage of students receive medals awarded at the end of the competition based on how many entries and teams were in each competition.

One of the best parts of debate is that students get to learn how to argue and to defend their point of view in a structured method. There are always 2 sides to every story, and debate teaches students to see from multiple points of view, not just their own. It teaches about citing your evidence and backing up your claims. It also teaches about public speaking and how to represent yourself. Students have the opportunity to earn a cord for graduation through their competition experience.

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Regional Champs

The cross country team won the regional championship! Cross Country Captain, Daveon Jackson, says they attribute their win to, “hard work and determination.” Daveon is a senior who has been doing Cross Country for four years. He also wants to thank Coach Gamble who got him to where he is as a runner. SHOUT OUT to Coach Gamble and the Cross Country team for a GREAT season!!!

WILDCATS ROAR TO VICTORY: LANEY HIGH MAKES HEADLINES WITH UNSTOPPABLE SPIRIT!



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Wildcat pride in full force! This week on Varsity Drive, we're cheering with Lucy C. Laney High—where the energy is electric and the spirit is legendary!



Lucy C. Laney Cheerleaders are in the spotlight! WFXG shows off the Wildcats cheerleading hard work, passion, and pride.



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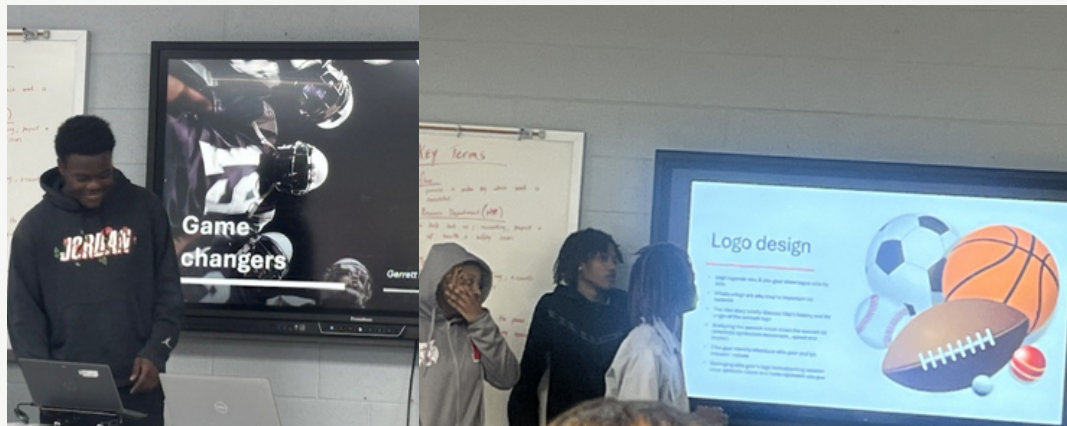
This week on Varsity Drive, we're spotlighting Lucy C. Laney High's JROTC program—where leadership, discipline, and Wildcat pride march front and center!



Lucy C. Laney JROTC program was spotlighted on WFXG FOX54 to show of Laney pride and discipline and represented our school exceptionally.

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Mr. Louis' marketing class created their own businesses to present!



Ms. Zills' journalism class celebrated their hard work with a press release party.



JROTC went to the Golden Harvest Food Bank to help those in need. During this time they served meals and cleaned dishes.

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The Wildcat Basketball Teams triumphed in the 100 Black Men Tournament. The boys defeated Westminster 75-37. The girls defeated Greenbrier 52-48. Our two MVPs of the day were Chabria Tate and Jaylen Butler.



The Augusta Links Organization invited Lucy C. Laney's Law and Justice and Forensic Science students to the second annual Linked 2 Justice/Journey to Justice Event. The students got to meet with attorneys and observe different court cases.



The Laney Pearls volunteered at the annual James Brown Turkey giveaway.

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On Nov 20,th Ms. Zills' journalism class traveled to Augusta University for a field trip where they explored the college experience of a communication major!

Students recreated being on the news to see what goes behind the scenes of our daily news channels! They took roles as anchors, cameramen, sound crew, and more. Following this, they worked on creating a real newspaper.

They dove into the photography world by learning principles and rules to increase their photo quality. To practice what they learned students went out to the field and took pictures.

To wrap up the experience, students took home shirts that represent the Phoenix Magazine!



The cheer team headed to Cheddars to celebrate Cheersgiving! This captivated the true spirit and fellowship of the cheer team!

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Spotlight Stars: Celebrating November's Teachers & Students of the Month!



Ms. Zills from the social studies department is the certified staff member of the month.

9TH

**Derek
Black**

10TH

**Ricky
Stephens**



Ms. Smith from the media center is recognized as the classified staff member of the month.

11TH

**Brannon
Jenkins**

12TH

**Zyion
Garrett**

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