## Spotlight on Ebenezer Middle School

- South Carolina Junior Scholars
- University of South Carolina
  Junior Scholars
- Duke Tip Scholars
- Governor's Citizenship Award
- National Junior Honor Society
- Future Business Leaders Of America
- Student Produced News Show
- Principal's Reading Challenge
- Priority Male and Tigerettes
- Bookchatters and Word Warriors
- Students Recognized and Honored by: The Sumter Optimist Club The Sumter Chamber of Commerce USC Sumter The Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- District State Superintendent's 8th Grade Writing Award

# Helpful Phone Numbers

Ebenezer Middle	469-8571
Marlene De Wit, Principal	Ext. 3101/3102
Tarsha Staggers, Asst. Principal	Ext. 3820
Guidance	Ext. 3213
Main Office	Ext. 3101
Attendance	Ext. 3209
Bookkeeper	Ext. 3102
Media Center	Ext. 3205

## Homework Hotline

To access the hotline, dial 469-8571, follow the prompts, dial 1, then dial 3+ teacher's room #.

## School Web-Site

ems.sumter2.org Take a virtual tour of our school.

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call 803-469-6900.





Marlene De Wit, Principal Tarsha Staggers, Asst. Principal

> 3440 Ebenezer Road Sumter, SC 29153 Phone: 469-8571 Fax: 469-8575





Ebenezer Middle School is located in a rural setting and serves approximately 400 students from the surrounding communities. The faculty and staff strive for academic excellence and continuous improvement for every student through a challenging, relevant, standards-based curriculum.

In addition to our academic programs, Ebenezer students have been involved in activities that benefit our community. Our School Improvement Council is an important link between the community and school. Fundraisers for Relay for Life, the Heart Walk, and The March of Dimes were successful this year. During the holidays, close to 200 cards and 80 dozen cookies were made for Shower Shaw with Cookies to show support for the men and women stationed at Shaw AFB.

Preparing our students for future careers is an important part of our program. Ebenezer, one of only a few middle schools with a chapter in the FBLA, won a plaque for the largest middle school chapter in the state of South Carolina at the State Leadership Conference in Charleston, S.C., in March of 2011. We have had a middle level representative who serves on the Executive Board for both the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.

Finally, we could not succeed without the continued support of our parents and community members, and we thank you. As we deal with current economic issues in our community, we all need to continue to work together to ensure the best possible education for our students. Our doors are always open for our students, parents, and the community.

Ebenezer Middle School plans to continue to meet the challenges of improving student achievement through academics, technology, and community service.

Marlene De Wit, Principal Sheryl Amegin, School Improvement Council Chairperson

# **Mission Statement**

The mission of Ebenezer Middle School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe and orderly environment.

# **Vision Statement**

Our vision is a school community where concern for students is the basis of all decisions. Caring teachers and staff promote academic excellence while instilling the desire to learn. The emotional, physical, and social development of each student is a paramount concern and is addressed through classroom and extracurricular activities. Students, parents, and community members feel welcome and important at the school. Students leave Ebenezer with academic and social skills necessary for success.

## **Our Beliefs**

- Learning is a life-long process and students can learn, achieve and succeed.
- The quality of education primarily determines the quality of life in a community.
- The family is the most important influence on the individual.
- Character development is necessary for optimal achievement.
- Effective communication bridges gaps between students, parents, teachers, and the community.
- Children are our greatest assets.
- The emotional, physical, and social development of each is a paramount concern.
- There is a Supreme Being.
- We are responsible for ourselves and one another.
- A safe, orderly, and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.
- Each child develops skills that promotes reasoning, wise decision-making, and a life-long love of learning.

## School Improvement Council (SIC) <u>Members</u>

Kay Blackwell	Chair
Sheryl Amegin	Vice-Chair
Carolyn Buckner	Sec./Recorder
Marlene De Wit	Principal
Tarsha Staggers	Asst. Principal
Melba Payne	Teacher
Aretha Smith	Teacher
Sharon Delaney	Teacher
Jake BurlesonCommunity Member	