

## Academic Activities

- Agricultural Studies and Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Band
- Chorus
- Chromebooks Launched
- ELA/Social Studies Character Night
- Mechanical Drawing Program
- Science/Math Parent Night
- Show Choir
- Talented and Gifted Program

## Enrichment Opportunities

- After School Tutoring
- Book Fair
- Career Fair
- Diamonds
- Character of the Month Awards
- Character Recognition of Students
- Eighth Grade Field Trips to Charlotte, NC & the State Museum, Columbia, SC
- Careers on the Move and FBLA Field Trips to Atlanta, GA & Charlotte, NC
- FBLA Competition, Florence, SC
- Job Shadowing Program
- Mastery Connect
- Men's Day Wednesday
- Morning Math and ELA Tutoring
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- REACH Summer Arts Program
- SC Regional Science Fair
- Sixth Grade Field Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC
- Seventh Grade Field Trips to Charleston & Myrtle Beach, SC



## School Improvement Council

- Mr. Michael Riggins, Principal
- Mr. Shawn Rearden, Parent/PTSA President
- Mr. Todd Pumphrey, Teacher/SIC Chairperson
- Ms. Deirdre Hicks, Instructional Coach
- Ms. Staci Burnette, Teacher
- Mr. Nick Davrados, Teacher
- Ms. Mary Staley, Teacher
- Mr. John Van Patten, Teacher
- Ms. Melissa Pollard, Teacher of the Year

## Administrative Team

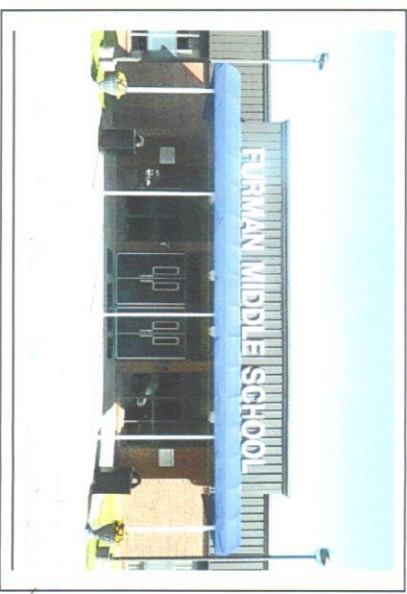
- Mr. Michael Riggins, Principal
- Ms. Jennifer Barrett, Assistant Principal
- Mr. Jeffrey Barrineau, Assistant Principal
- Dr. Natalie Sarvis, Assistant Principal
- Ms. Deirdre Hicks, Instructional Coach

## Furman Middle School

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Report to Parents  
2015-2016



### Mission Statement

The mission of Furman Middle School is to provide challenging opportunities for students to be successful.

### Vision Statement

The vision of Furman Middle School is to provide an environment for success.

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## School Goals

- The percentage of students in grades 6 - 8 who meet and exceed the standards in English/language arts, math, science, and social studies as measured by the SCPASS/SC READY assessment will increase as detailed below:
  1. The percentage of students in grades 6-8 who meet or exceed the standards in the core areas as measured by SCPASS/SC READY assessment will increase by three percent.
  2. Implement an instructional program to address health, fitness, and best practices in education that meets the needs of all students.
- The percentage of teachers/administrators with highly qualified status will be maintained through 2017.
  1. Furman Middle School will implement professional development programs and activities for teachers and administrators in order to maintain 100% highly qualified status.
- The number of discipline referrals will decrease by 40% by 2017.
  1. Increase community/school involvement and awareness.
  2. Develop strong leadership within the school.

## Our Beliefs

1. Students are our first priority.
2. Our school has a safe and secure environment conducive to learning.
3. Our school provides for the academic, social, emotional, and developmental needs of our students.
4. Learning is a life-long process, and all students *can* learn.
5. Quality education is a partnership endeavor among students, parents, educators, and the community who have high expectations for all students.
6. Each individual is given the opportunity to achieve at his/her highest level of ability.

### Message to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is a pleasure that we provide you with the 2015-2016 *Annual Report to Parents* in accordance with the South Carolina Finance Act of 1977. Each year we set goals and identify strategies that will enable us to continue to enhance our educational practices, and our continued success would not be possible without you.

Through the cooperative efforts of parents, students, faculty, and administration, Furman Middle School has continued to experience positive growth in many areas. In cooperation with our students' homes and the community, we strive to prepare students for responsible citizenship, lifelong learning, and productive employment.

We encourage all parents to become involved in their child's education through participation in the School Improvement Council (SIC), the Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA), and through special events and activities. Furman Middle School will continue to shine as parents, students, and faculty work together for all students' education.

Sincerely,



Todd Pumphrey, SIC Chairperson



Michael Riggins

Michael Riggins, Principal

## School Awards, Honors, and Recognitions

- **Faculty, students, and parents** donated back to the community above and beyond through Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, and The American the Heart Association
- **All Conference Football** – Seven Students
- **All Conference Boys Basketball** – Two Students
- **All Conference Girls Basketball** – Two Students
- **District Honor Band Clinic** – Ten Students
- **SC Region Band Clinic** – Three Students
- **School Science Fair Winners** – Nine Students
- **Regional Science Fair Winners** – One 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Overall in a specific category
- **Algebra I** – 43 Students
- **English I** – 43 Students
- **Duke Tip/SAT/ACT** – 18 Students
- **PSAT** – 99 Students
- **Golden Apple Award Recipients** – 13 Students
- **PTSA Reflection Winner** in Writing
- **The Lion King Performances**
- **Furman Middle School** – SCPTA Excellence in Patriotism Award, Platinum Membership Award, and Outstanding Support Staff Award