

## Academic Activities

- Agricultural Studies and Future Farming
- Band
- Chorus
- ELA/Social Studies Character Night
- Mechanical Drawing Program
- Science/Math Parent Night
- Single-Gender Classes
- Show Choir
- Talented and Gifted Program

## Enrichment Opportunities

- After School Tutoring
- Athletic After School Tutoring
- Character of the Month Awards
- Character Recognition of Students
- FBLA Students travel to Atlanta, GA
- Job Shadowing Program
- Morning Math and ELA Tutoring
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- Project Unified
- REACH Summer Arts Program
- SC Regional Science Fair
- Sixth Grade Field Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC
- Seventh Grade Field Trip to Charleston, SC
- Summer Stem Enrichment Program



## School Improvement Council

- Mrs. Maria Newton-Ta Bon, Principal  
Mr. Michael Johnson, Parent  
Mr. Todd Pumphrey, Teacher/SIC President  
Mrs. Jamie Lessard, Curriculum Resource Teacher  
Mrs. Leslie Lloyd, Teacher  
Mr. John Van Patten, Teacher  
Mr. Brett Puglia, Teacher  
Mrs. Kate Peyton, Teacher  
Mrs. Angel Daniels, Teacher of the Year  
Mr. Shawn Rearden, PTSA President



## Administrative Team

- Mrs. Maria Newton-Ta Bon, Principal  
Mr. Jeffrey Barrineau, Assistant Principal  
Dr. Jade' McLeod, Assistant Principal  
Dr. Natalie Sarvis, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Jamie Lessard, Curriculum Resource Teacher

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# Furman Middle School

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Report to Parents  
2014-2015



## 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.

*Furman Middle is a Title I School*



## School Goals

- The percentage of students in grades 6 - 8 who meet or exceed the standards in English/language arts, math, science, and social studies as measured by the ACT Aspire/PASS 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 ACT Aspire/PASS 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 30% by 2017.
  1. Increase community/school involvement and awareness.
  2. Develop strong leadership within the school.

## Our Beliefs

1. All of our students are capable of learning.
2. Each child is a worthy member of the student body and has the potential to achieve.
3. A safe and inviting school environment will help to promote student learning.
4. Proficient performance is the foundation for building knowledge.
5. Challenging expectations for students encourage positive performances.
6. Education is the key to improving social and economic status.

### Message to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is a pleasure that we provide you with the 2014-2015 *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.

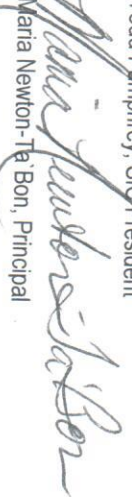
Through the cooperative efforts of parents, students, faculty, staff, and administration, Furman Middle School has continued advancing single-gender classes in core subjects. The single-gender initiative will help more boys and girls to work towards their true learning potential. Therefore, Furman Middle School, in cooperation with our students' homes and the community, strives 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 when parents, students, and faculty work together for all students' education.

Sincerely,



Todd Pumphrey, SIC President



Maria Newton-Ta'Bon, Principal

## School Awards, Honors, and Recognition

- Faculty, students, and parents donated back to the community above and beyond through Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, Breast Cancer Awareness, and The American the Heart Association - Wear Pink, Green, and Red at FMS
- All Conference Football 2014 Season - Four Furman Football Players
- All Conference Boys Basketball Season Two Furman Basketball Players
- All Conference Girls Basketball Five Furman Basketball Players
- Girls Basketball Championship winners
- Honor Roll Band Clinic
- Field Trip to Charlotte Hornets game, Charlotte, N.C. Forty students who had growth in their TE21 scores in two or more subjects were rewarded with the NBA honor
- Category 21 METRIC Award from United States Metric Association - Two Furman students awarded
- School Science Fair Winners - Nine students placed
- Regional Science Fair Winners - Three Students; One 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Overall in specific category
- Algebra I - 44 Students
- English I - 47 Students
- Duke Tip/SAT/ACT - 19 Students
- Golden Apple Award Recipients - 12 Students
- PTSA Reflection Winner in Writing
- The Little Mermaid smashing performance by current and former Furman students
- Furman Middle School - SCPFTA Excellence in Patriotism Award
- Furman Middle School - SCPFTA Silver Membership Award