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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND SIC CHAIR:

Greetings from the Nest! We have had another wonderful year at Sullivan. In our quest towards excellence, we achieved many great things this year. We are proud to serve the students, faculty, staff, parents and greater community of Sullivan Middle School!

You will see many of our accomplishments from this year in this annual report. Of course, there are many, many more and this space will not allow a comprehensive list. Our students are excelling and achieving in so many ways.

We look forward to the upcoming school year with great excitement and enthusiasm. As we continue on our quest for educational excellence, we invite you to become involved in our school. Please take a moment to check out our school website for many opportunities to stay informed and get involved. We look forward to working with you next year!

**[Excellence Required Here](#)**

School Improvement Council

Michael Waiksnis, Principal  
Cathy Greene, Chair

Parent Teacher Organization  
Courtney Bala

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## STUDENT SHOWCASE

Do you wonder what goes on each day in a public school? We created the Student Showcase website to give you a glimpse into what occurs at Sullivan each day. Please visit [www.smsstudentshowcase.wikispaces.com](http://www.smsstudentshowcase.wikispaces.com) to see our school in action.

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## SELECTED ACCOLADES

Palmetto Silver Award Winner

Most AYP objectives met in Rock Hill School District

Undefeated and District Champion 8th Academic Challenge Team

District Honors Band, Honors Chorus and Honors Orchestra

Band, Chorus and Orchestra received excellent/superior ratings in numerous competitions

Four students earned State level recognition as Duke Tip State Qualifiers

Student qualified for the National level National History Day competition

Five students qualified for the State Honor Choir

Principal was selected as the Administrator of the Year by the SC International Reading Association

Added soccer and will be adding Mandarin Chinese as a language option next year

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## W. C. SULLIVAN

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

AN INTERNATIONAL  
BACCALAUREATE  
SCHOOL



## 2011-2012

## SIC Annual Report to Stakeholders

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## SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Sullivan is a district school of choice. Any student residing in the Rock Hill school district attendance zone can choose to attend Sullivan.

We are proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Students are exposed to a rigorous curriculum with a focus on three fundamental concepts:

- **intercultural awareness**
- **holistic learning**
- **communication**

More information on the program can be found on our website or by calling our IB coordinator at 803-981-1450.

## PALMETTO SILVER WINNER

Sullivan was recognized for our continuous improvement with a Palmetto Silver Award. We are proud of our academic gains.

## TEACHERS AND STAFF

16 National Board Teachers

Instructional Coach – South Carolina Writing Improvement Coordinating Council, IB workshop leader and site visitor

National Board Portfolio Scorer

Choral Director was elected South Carolina Music Educators Association Choral Division Secretary

Principal serves on the Executive Committee of SCASA and SCMSA

## CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Sullivan offers clubs and organizations for a variety of student interests. Students may join Yearbook, Pro Team, Math Counts, Academic Team, Green Team (Recycling), Newspaper, Junior Civitans, Club at the Nest, Global Leaders, Wom Words Bookstore, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, Girls on Track, and Student Library Advisory Group among many others. We have a wide variety of sports, both intramural and interscholastic, such as volleyball, wrestling, step team, basketball, softball, tennis, disc golf, and football.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SMS uses data to focus improvement efforts.

We increased student participation in school organizations by over twenty percent this school year.

Several business partnerships created in our local community.

We developed and implemented a school wide literacy plan across all content areas.

Multiple teacher book studies completed.

Several instructional strategies implemented to increase student achievement.

## RESULTS ORIENTED

Our students and school continue to excel. While test results are not the only factor of achievement, Sullivan is making great strides in this area. We achieved the most AYP objectives in our district for the third year in a row in 2011.

Our scores are the result of the hard work and dedication to excellence of both our students and teachers.

We were selected as a Winthrop University partnership school for the 2012-2013 school year.

## COMMUNICATION

We have worked hard to increase the avenues of communication with our parents and community. You can find Sullivan on facebook and twitter. We also publish a Falcon News blog that shares a wealth of Sullivan related information.

