

1-1 IPAD PROGRAM (IROCK)

All students at Sullivan have an iPad. This has changed learning in a positive manner at our school. Technology is a seamless part of our everyday lives and now students can use it to power their learning at school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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!

School Improvement Council

Katrina Wilkerson, Chair

**Parent Teacher Organization
Hope Craig**

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 has been awarded the Palmetto Silver award in 2012 and 2013. We are proud of this accomplishment and look forward to many more.

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

Dr. Waiksnis selected as SC Middle Level
Principal of the Year

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2013-2014

Dr. Waiksnis, Principal

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SELECTED ACCOLADES

Palmetto Silver Award Winner

District Champion 6th and 7th Academic Challenge Team

Received over \$550,000 in grants for various programs

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

8 Chorus students were selected to All-State chorus

Band received the prestigious S.C. Band Directors Assn. "Outstanding Performance Award"

Computer Coding class led the school in participation of Hour of Code

Added a community funded baseball program

Named Constant Contact "All-Star" for being an "industry leader" in stakeholder communication

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, Falcon Zone, Global Leaders, Chess Club, Worn 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, baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, and football.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SMS uses data to focus improvement efforts.

We increased student participation in school organizations by over 18 percent this school year.

Several business partnerships created in our local community.

We continued implementation of a school wide literacy plan across all content areas.

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 high achieving in this area.

Our students showed the biggest gains in Reading, based on MAP scores, in our district for middle schools.

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. Check out our web presence!

One School, One Book

Our entire student body received a copy of *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. We used this summer reading book as a theme throughout the year. We will continue our One School, One Book program next year as well.

