

HIGHLIGHTS

Arts

The South Pointe Repertory Theatre Department's musical production of "Tarzan" was nominated by the Charlotte Blumenthal Performing Arts Center for the prestigious *Blumey Award* in eight of twelve categories. Thirty-nine high schools from the Charlotte region were eligible and only one other school received more nominations. The cast and crew attended an awards ceremony at Blumenthal where they won in the areas of Best Set Construction and Best Costume Creation.

Athletics

For the 2012-2013 school term, 493 students participated in athletics. Twelve of nineteen varsity teams made the state playoffs or qualified to compete in the state event. Of the ninety seniors that participated in athletics, forty-one made the South Carolina High School League's Athlete Scholar list - requiring that they letter in two sports for at least one season or in one sport for at least two seasons and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA for seven semesters while exhibiting outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship.

(SPiN) Student Newspaper

South Pointe in the News (SPiN), student media of the Stallions, made history at the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA) Spring Conference and Awards when both its print and online versions of the newspaper earned the top ratings given by judges in their separate categories. Very few other state schools have both print and online versions and no other school earned top honors in both print and online competition. SPiN earned the coveted All-State ranking in the print category and was declared Excellence in Scholastic Newspaper Awards (ESNA) Sweepstakes champion for Class A, collecting the most first, second, and third place Excellence in Scholastic Newspaper Awards in individual competition in 13 categories such as Sports and Front Page Design. In the online newspaper competition, SPiN Wired earned the top ranking of Superior.

2013-2014 SIC Members

Teachers

Sarah Ellis McKenzie Campbell
Michael Henthorn Jan McKiver

Students

Robert Faris Dara Khaalid
Taylor Roberts

Parents

Evette Davis Ernest Gibbs
Tyrone Hart Audrey Lightner
Jennifer Norby Noreen Ruff
Debora Wilson-Smith

Community Member

Jeff Nicholson

* * * * *

Tyrone Hart, Chairperson - tyrhar@msn.com

Ex-officio Members

Elissa Cox, Assistant Principal - ecox@rhmail.org
Al Leonard, Principal - aleonard@rhmail.org

Summary of 2013-14 SIC Initiatives

- Increased the visibility and understanding of the role of the SIC among teachers, students, and parents by visiting representatives of those groups
- Discussed steps and progress in meeting the goals identified in the School Improvement Plan during monthly SIC meetings
- Raised awareness to district officials and school board representatives as to the SIC's concern regarding the school's declining enrollment and its potential negative impact upon revenue, the ability to offer courses, and other areas.

Purpose of the Report

"This report is issued by the South Pointe School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

South Pointe High School



School Improvement Council

Annual Report to Parents 2013-2014

South Pointe's Mission Statement

South Pointe High School will provide all students with challenging work that will authentically engage them in the learning process and prepare them for successful futures.

**801 Neely Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730
Phone: 803-980-2100
Fax: 803-980-2105**

SIC ANNUAL GOALS

Data Room

In an effort to increase student achievement, South Pointe has successfully designed and implemented a data room to be utilized for the strategic planning of initiatives and instruction to meet the identified needs of targeted groups of students. The data room houses and displays various types of school data, including individual student data, that enables faculty and staff to determine the current needs and goals to be addressed within the School Improvement Plan and to monitor the progress of meeting the established goals. The data room also serves as a meeting room for school-wide staff development and continuous collaborative work among teachers and administration.

On Pointe Program

As part of our mission to help all students succeed in the classroom, South Pointe teachers, administrators, and staff have implemented an enrichment program, called ON POINTE! This program provides tutorial services and enrichment opportunities. Our goal is for every student to work up to his/her potential. ON POINTE! is divided into two components: **A.I.M.** and **I.C.U.**

A.I.M. (Achievement is Mine)

Students are assigned to attend the A.I.M. room during their respective lunch time to make up tests or quizzes, complete retakes, or complete assignments that do not require the assistance of their teacher.

I.C.U. (Intensive Care Unit)

Students are assigned to I.C.U. after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. if they have an average in any class below a 77, have zeros for any assignments, and/or have failed a test. Students may also attend voluntarily on the scheduled days to get extra help from a teacher. Transportation is also provided.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

South Carolina School Report Card Ratings

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2013	Good	Average
2012	Average	Below Average
2011	Average	Below Average
2010	Average	Below Average

High School Assessment Program (HSAP)

The state exit examination (HSAP) is administered to all students during the spring of the tenth-grade year. The examination assesses students in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. The spring 2013 administration resulted in 90.4% of tenth graders passing the English Language Arts portion and 83.5% of tenth graders passing the Mathematics portion. Upon graduation of the 2013 class of students, 93.4% of the students had successfully passed both the English Language Arts and Mathematics portion of the state examination.

State End-of-Course (EOC) Examinations

The examinations, which comprise 20% of the student's final grade in each state-designated course, include Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2, English I, Biology I/Applied Biology 2, and US History and Constitution. The 2013 EOC administration indicated that 70.2% of students tested received passing scores on these examinations.

Life Scholars

The Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program. To qualify, students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA), a score of 1100 on the SAT or composite score of 24 on the ACT, and rank in the top 30% of their respective class. At the conclusion of the 2012 – 2013 school year, 54.2% of South Pointe High School's senior class were eligible for the LIFE scholarship compared to 33.8% of the students eligible for LIFE scholarships at schools considered to have student populations most like South Pointe High School.

HIGHLIGHTS

The South Pointe Way

"The South Pointe Way" is an initiative that is centered upon the principles of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). The goal is to express the importance of our three core values - Integrity, Community, and Excellence, while rewarding the positive behaviors that take place in our school every day. The goal of the initiative is to have at least eighty percent of our students in the 0-1 discipline referral range for the school year. There are several enticements in place to help accomplish our goal, including "The South Pointe Way" cards that can be turned in for a variety of incentives, Chick-fil-a catered lunches for any student and staff members who are recognized as "Stallions of the Month", as well as Fall and Winter celebrations that all students in the 0-1 referral range can attend free of charge. We are excited about the fact that the vast majority of our students are rewarded for their positive contributions to our school culture and that we are on the verge of meeting our goals.

The Class of 2013

Sixteen South Pointe students graduated with honors and fifteen graduated with highest honors. Fifty-five students took Advanced Placement (AP) exams while fifty-seven took at least two or more International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. Seventy-three students were Gold Seal Endorsement recipients, having earned a minimum of 28 units in grades 9-12 with no grade lower than a C or with a cumulative GPA of 4.2 or higher. The 2013 South Pointe High School Senior Class generated over \$7.4 million dollars in scholarship offers, an amazing amount for a class of only 317 seniors.