

Fort Mill High School

# School Improvement Council: Report to the Parents 2013

## Student Achievements

### Noteworthy Accomplishments for the Jackets

- 3 Region Championship Teams
- Internationally Recognized Band
- Unprecedented School Wide Altruistic Involvement

Great things are happening at Fort Mill High School. Our students are constantly demonstrating their excellence not only in the classroom but also on athletic fields, through performances, and by taking part in a whole host of extracurricular opportunities.

#### Excellence in Athletics

Fort Mill High School claimed region championships this school year in cheerleading, boys swimming and girls swimming.

Nearly every Fort Mill High School team participated in state playoffs, and the school proudly boasts a boys lacrosse team that finished as the runner up for the state championship and a girls lacrosse team that finished as runner

up for the upper state championship. Fort Mill High School also has the potential to add a few state titles in boys golf, girls track, and boys and girls soccer in the days ahead.

#### Excellence in Arts

The Fort Mill High School Marching Band won the South Carolina 4A state championship this fall and later participated in the prestigious St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland.

#### Excellence in Extracurriculars

The Fort Mill High School Student Council led students to raise more than 18,000 pounds of food for the Fort Mill Care Center as part of the Student Hunger Drive, and in so



doing won their second consecutive Hunger Drive Cup as part of a competition with Nation Ford High School.

The Fort Mill High School Model United Nations team won the renowned Geoffrey Bruce Award and several Outstanding Assembly Awards at this year's Winthrop University Model UN competition.

SIC members that are Fort Mill High School Employees may be contacted via their email addresses as posted on the school website. For contact information regarding parent, community, and ex-officio members please email Melissa White at [whitem@fort-mill.k12.sc.us](mailto:whitem@fort-mill.k12.sc.us)

## 2012-2013 SIC Members

### Parent Representatives:

- ◆ Lisa Lundy
- ◆ Pam Martin
- ◆ Cathy Lewis
- ◆ Tracy Imler

### Ex-Officio Members:

- ◆ Lori Hillman
- ◆ Shaun Masters
- ◆ Dawn Rackley

### Teacher Representatives:

- ◆ Martha Pietkiewicz
- ◆ Elizabeth Williams
- ◆ Adrienne Bynum
- ◆ Teasha Kincaid

### Student Representatives:

- ◆ Shiva Mohan
- ◆ Harrison Lancaster
- ◆ Chelsea Helms
- ◆ Joseph Bass
- ◆ Sarah MacPhee

### Community Representatives:

- ◆ Martha Kinard
- ◆ Michelle Branning
- ◆ Caryn Scroggs
- ◆ Matt Cavin

### Administrative Members:

- ◆ Dee Christopher
- ◆ Gales Scroggs

## SIC Annual Goals



Each year the School Improvement Council of Fort Mill High School sets forth annual goals aimed at targeting areas of need specific to the students of Fort Mill High School. This year the SIC established goals addressing increasing SAT scores and increasing alumni communication and support

### SAT Improvement

In efforts to provide support to all students at Fort Mill High School wishing to take the SAT, the SIC established a SAT improvement workshop open to all

juniors wishing to take the test. One on One Learning, based out of Marion, SC facilitated the whole day workshop. The cost to each student was \$30 and included instructional materials. Students assessed the presentation and highly encouraged us to offer the session again in the future.

### Alumni Partnership

Wishing to incorporate more community support and volunteering the SIC sought to identify the best means for communicating with local Fort Mill High

School Alumni. A subcommittee of SIC members met monthly to discuss developing an alumni website and newsletter. It was ultimately determined that social media, namely Facebook, would be the best format for establishing the intended line of communication. An alumni Facebook page was established and has been preliminarily used to communicate and network with school alumni for support.

### The Mission of Fort Mill High School

*Fort Mill High School's mission is to provide each student with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to become a lifelong learner and a responsible, productive citizen in a democratic society.*

Each year Fort Mill High School is recognized for its outstanding achievement. This year was no different as Fort Mill High School was selected as one of sixteen schools nationally recognized as High School's That Work (HSTW) Platinum High Achievement Schools.

Fort Mill High School has participated in the Southern Regional Education Board's HSTW initiative since 1993. The HSTW reform initiative supports schools through identifying best

practices and providing data from assessments and evaluations to steer the school toward relevant and practical professional development. Fort Mill High School was recognized as one of just four schools in the state to receive this award.

Fort Mill High School also won the Palmetto Gold Award for "general performance".

Per the 2012 S.C. School Report Card, Fort Mill High School had an "absolute" rating of excellent

and a "growth" rating of good.

For more information, you may view Fort Mill High School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).

## Additional Information



"Home of the Yellow Jackets"

Fort Mill High School proudly recognizes Ms. Mary Elizabeth Kinard as the 2013-2014 Fort Mill High School Teacher of the Year and Ms. Charlotte Hendrix as the 2013-2014 Fort Mill High School Support Staff of the Year.

The Graduating Class of 2012

contained 384 students. With 60% attending 4-year colleges and 26% attending 2 year colleges. The average SAT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was a 1592. The average ACT composite score for Fort Mill High School students was a 23.6. These seniors collectively earned more than eight

million dollars in scholarships.

During the 2011-2012 school year, 286 AP exams were given with 93% scoring a 3 or better.

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### Purpose of the Report

*“This Report is issued by the Fort Mill High School, 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.”*

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## About Fort Mill and Fort Mill High School

### About Fort Mill

The town of Fort Mill, South Carolina is located just south of the NC state line. Nearly 9,400 people live inside the Fort Mill corporate limits with a total of nearly 35, 000 people residing within the township. Fort Mill Township supports two high schools.

### About Fort Mill High School

The Fort Mill High School faculty consists of 105 teachers, one principal, four assistant principals, four guidance counselors and one media specialist.

Over two hundred course selections are offered including Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory and Applied Technology courses.

Fort Mill High School has 48 co-curricular activities and 30 athletic teams.

