

## **Bulldog Athletics**

The 7th grade Football team finished with 8 losses but continue to persevere. The 8th grade team was 2-6. The 7th – 8th grade Volleyball teams finished with 10 losses but were dedicated to their teams. The 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball Teams each finished with a 6-4 season. The 7th grade Boys Basketball Team finished with 10 losses. The 8th grade Boys Basketball Team finished 6-2. The Baseball Team finished 5-8 and 3rd in the region tournament.

The Girls Softball Team was 4-5 for the season. The Boys Soccer Team were 9-0, and Conference Champs! The Girls soccer teams also finished 9-0 and were Conference Champs! The Girls Track Team finished with five 1st and 2nd place finishes. The Boys Track Team placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in their five meets. Both teams made the Conference meet this year! Congratulations!

The GHMS Dance Team performed at each home basketball and football game. They participated in the Dance Team Expo, receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They also performed at FMHS Dance Team Competition Expo, where they danced their way into first place against many other middle school teams! Congratulations!

### **GHMS Booster Club**

The GHMS BC raised \$20,300 this year to support our athletes. They purchased poms, football equipment, concession stand freezer, basketball and volleyball equipment and more. They had 85 booster members. Thank you Booster Club!

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

### **Jr. Beta Club**

The Gold Hill Middle School Junior Beta Club brought in 122 cans and boxes of food items for Fort Mill Care Center. Fourteen students volunteered for GHES fair in March and eight students volunteered at the St. Philip Neri Church "Italian Festival" in May. The Beta Club also recycles paper, cans, and plastic every week.

### **Student Council**

The GHMS student council sponsored Pennies for Patients and used part of the funds to help one of our own Bulldogs fighting leukemia. They also sponsored a canned food drive and donated 2000 lbs of food to the Fort Mill Care Center.

### **8th grade Service project**

The 8th grade decided to support our very own Justine Seibel, who is fighting cancer. We sold t-shirts, magnets, and helped with a blood drive in her honor. We raised \$1100 to help Justine and her family! This was a project that all Bulldogs supported!

### **The Bridge Team**

Our GHMS Bridge Team met weekly and honed their skills in deductive reasoning, logic, and also had a lot of fun. We will continue our club next year!

### **Science Olympiads**

GHMS traveled to Newberry College to compete in the annual competition. The team scored 7<sup>th</sup> out of 10 overall, better than last year.



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## **Academics**

### **Guidance Counseling Office**

Our school participated in Job Shadowing Day where students went to work with their parents or other career adults. They also were encouraged to complete a financial literacy packet. All 8th graders also participated in the IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) process where we had 100% participation!

### **Junior Scholars**

This year, 75 GHMS students earned the title of Junior Scholars. We had over 200 students participate in the PSAT.

### **Making Middle Grades Work**

GHMS earned another Making Middle Grades Work grant. We strive to reach these goals each and every year!

### **Palmetto Gold Award**

Gold Hill Middle School once again earned Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for 2010 – 2011 for excellence in achievement.

### **Honor Roll**

In Q1, 132 students made the A honor roll and 264 made the AB honor roll. In Q2, 121 made all A's and 298 made AB honor roll. In the 3rd quarter, 133 Gold Hill students made all A's and 250 made the A/B honor roll.

### **PAWS Award**

Almost 500 students received PAWS Awards this year. This award goes to students who exhibit Politeness, great Attitude, excellent Work habits, and Service to others. Students receive a snack on designated Wednesdays and a prize.

### **Math Counts**

We had 12 students participate this year. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in region competition. Matthew Lake placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in individual competition and participated at the state level.

## **Principal's Vision**

My vision for Gold Hill Middle is that we continue to be a school where students are challenged to go further than they have ever been. We will do this by strengthening our academic and related arts courses so all our students will have a rigorous, well-rounded education that will prepare them for a successful future.

My vision includes the hope that our teachers will engage our students in their learning. My hope is that our students will develop good citizenship and character traits that will keep America strong and free. GHMS will celebrate diversity and the special traits that make all individuals unique.

This vision would be incomplete if it did not include the hope that all our students be able to use technology and the opportunities to explore their personal interests to become competent adults that will thrive in an ever changing and challenging world.

Gold Hill Middle School will incorporate qualified teachers, parents, and community members to ensure our students know they are our top priority in all we do. Communication is essential so that our school and community are informed and supportive of each other.

### **GHMS PTA**

The highlight of the PTA's work this year is showcased in the science curriculum-based courtyard area. The courtyard provides a serene, yet educational environment for our students to enrich their curriculum through hands-on work. The guidance office has been renovated to provide a more inviting atmosphere, and we have increased the number of Power Director software licenses, as well as provided new novel sets, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other learning aides throughout the school.

## **Related Arts**

### **Band**

The GHMS Band enjoyed many successes this year. They participated in Band Night with FMHS, Festival of Arts Holiday Concert, the York County Honor Band and many other functions. We are proud of our band!

### **Art**

The following students were chosen by the York County Arts Association to paint banners to hang throughout Tega Cay for the York County Public Art Project: Matthew Held, Ashley Gast, Brooke Hogg, Noelle DiNatale, and Erica Mason.

The International Lion's Club Peace Poster winners for our school are 1st place; Ashley Simpson, 2nd-Brynn Bonner, 3rd-Amanda Brown. GHMS had 13 students chosen to attend ST-Arts (Students Talented in the Arts) at Winthrop University for a summer intensive in the areas of Drama, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Dance and Visual Art. Congratulations to all!

### **Computer Honors Class**

During the 2011-12 school year, high achieving students who had taken Mr. DiMaria's computer class as 6th and 7th graders were offered the opportunity to be challenged in a self-paced Honors Computer Class.

### **Bulldog Newsletter**

This year was the first year that the monthly Bulldog newsletter was designed, written, and edited solely by a newsletter staff comprising GHMS students.

### **Cross-Curricular Lesson**

This year Mr. Hudson's Drama classes and Mr. DiMaria's Computer classes joined forces to create claymation movies.