

2021-2022 School Improvement Council Report to Parents

GOLD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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EXCELLENCE IS OUR CORNERSTONE, OUR TRADITION, THE BULLDOG WAY!

Gold Hill Middle School, distinguished as a school of excellence, is centered on student learning that focuses on academic, social, and emotional growth that bridges the transition for students between elementary and high school.

Our mission is to continually provide learners with a rigorous education where all students are valued, and the faculty exhibits academic excellence by advancing knowledge through high expectations, collaboration, and engagement

ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL

This year our school read, Linda Sue Park's, *A Long Walk to Water*, which tells the story of two young people from different time periods as they overcome obstacles, determined to survive, and create a better future. Our OBOS week ended with a final Walk to Education, where our students journeyed over a mile across our campus to represent the same walk and raised over \$10,000 for our sister school, BBEL Academy, in Uganda.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

SC Ready Data	GT Participation	Honor Roll (A's & B's)
72.4 % Met or Exceed in ELA 66.4 % Met or Exceed in Math	50.5% participate in GT level coursework	64.8 % of our students are on the all A or A/B Honor roll



SIC GOALS FOR 2021-2022



Increase parent & student preparation for middle school through parent information nights and middle school orientation materials

Using student and parent survey data, the SIC is putting together orientation materials to distribute to parents to help families be prepared for the academic rigor, behavioral expectations, and social/emotional adjustments of the middle school years. Due to a decrease in COVID restrictions, GHMS SIC looks forward to hosting several parent nights in the 22-23 school year.



Increase awareness of the impacts of social media use on students and families

The GHMS SIC is hosting a speaker from the SC Department of Education to inform parents of how social media impacts students and ways for parents to monitor and help protect their student's social media use.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aaron Duda-Co Chair

Erin Webster-Co Chair

Olivia Audette-Community Member

David Cheske-Assistant Principal

Alicia Dasch-Community Member

Richard Eppes-Principal

Lindsey Everhart-Teacher, SIC Secretary

Angie Harms-Assistant Principal

John Massoud-Community Member

Jeremy Robertson-Teacher

Caryn Scroggs-Assistant Principal

Sheri Severance-Parent

Carrie Shearin-Parent, PTO Representative

Aaron Thrasher-Teacher

Amy Wilson-Parent



ONE TEAM, ONE FAMILY

Our students, staff, and families work hard to achieve success in all the areas exemplified by the profile of the SC Graduate: world-class knowledge, world-class skills, and life and career characteristics. Here are just a few of our Bulldog Brags!

- Received the distinction of being a Unified Champion School which is awarded to schools promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities that affect school wide change.
- Recognized 100 Students of the Quarter for exemplifying the characteristics of the Bulldog Way.
- Beta Club partnered with Gold Hill Elementary School to send weekly reading buddies to the Kindergarten classrooms and hosted a Easter Egg Hunt with over 10,000 eggs!
- Our WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Leaders met with small groups of 6th graders to ensure their inclusion and success in middle school.
- Created an inclusive chorus class, where our general education students partnered with our special education students to sing and make music together.
- Our yearbook club designed and published a 74-page yearbook to commemorate the 21-22 school year.
- Student Council made and distributed Kindness Cards (positive notes and gift cards) to students during Random Acts of Kindness Week.
- Our Honors Theater performed at the Junior Theater Celebration at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and two students received a Star Performer Award.
- All grades were represented in our cast in the Theater Department's performance of Willy Wonka Jr.
- The 8th Grade Band earned the highest possible rating of "Superior with Distinction" at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment.
- The 7th Grade Band earned a "Superior" at the Carowinds Music Festival Performance.
- Held our first ever unified spirit week aimed at teaching kindness.
- 8th Grade Honors Chorus received a "Superior" rating at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment.
- Over 70 students attended our afterschool tutoring program to receive help and remediation in Reading and Math.
- Students raised over \$8,000 for Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Our special settings classes host and run a Bitty & Beau's coffee cart every Friday for teachers, learning valuable work skills while also fueling our staff!



PTO SUPPORT

Our Parent Teacher Organization works tirelessly to provide support for our academic programs as well as provide encouragement for our staff. They provided over \$20,000 in enriching curriculum programs and resources. Our teachers also enjoy spontaneous luncheons, coffee trucks, and ice cream carts to keep them energized throughout the school year.



EXTRACURRICULAR SUCCESSES

- The Bulldog Robotics teams competed at the SC VEX IQ Middle School State Championship from those 3 teams Generation Z won the Excellence Award (best all around in the State), Cyberdogs won the Teamwork Champion Award, and Function 27 boasted excellent skills scores. All 3 teams qualified to compete at the VEX IQ Middle School World Championship in Dallas. Generation Z also competed in the US Create Open in Council Bluffs, Iowa. At this competition with international teams, the team won the Think award for their outstanding programming, documentation, and teamwork.
- The Academic Team went undefeated and won the regular season championship.
- Our You Be The Chemist club won first place in the state for the third year in a row.
- We are beginning another successful season of Let Me Run.





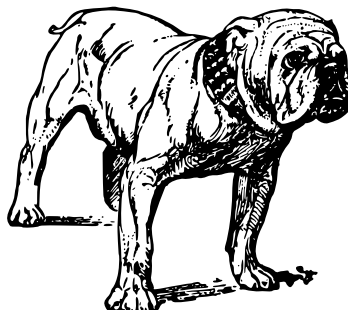
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We believe in making this world a better place for having been in it and want our Bulldogs to leave a positive mark on our community.

- Raised over \$15,000 for Special Olympics through our Polar Plunge fundraising efforts.
- Beta Club worked with the Humane Society of York County for a donation drive, paired with the Bethel Men's Shelter to serve the homeless, and did a Day of Reading with the York County Library.
- Beta Club partnered with Tega Cay Water Ski Club to handle all of their mulching and the Anne Springs Greenway to do litter pick up and adopted a stream, as well as helped GHES to put on their Spring Carnival.
- Families were invited in for our Festival of the Arts Winter Performance which showcases the artistic talents of all our art, band, chorus, and theater students.
- 8th Grade Honors Chorus is performing the National Anthem for the Opening Ceremony of the SC Strawberry Festival.
- Hosted our first Regional Geography, History, and Science Bee.
- Started a Coffee Bean club and several students were recognized in the community for being "Coffee Beans".

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Football had a winning record for the 2022 season.
- 7th Grade Girls Basketball made it to the semi-finals.
- 8th Grade Volleyball completed an undefeated season and were Conference Champions for the second straight season.
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball had a winning season and finished as the #2 seed making it to the semi-finals.
- 8th Grade Girls Track is currently undefeated this season.
- Dance Team won second place at the Fort Mill High School Dance Team Invitational.
- Baseball had another winning season and made it to the semi-finals of the playoffs.
- Girls Soccer finished as Conference Champions.



Teacher of the Year –Jennifer Isenhour, Band Director
Support Staff of the Year – Dawn Fite, Powerschool Clerk