



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



Gold Hill Middle School

2022-2023 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO PARENTS

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

SC Ready Data	GT Participation	Honor Roll (A's & B's)
77.8 % Met or Exceed in ELA 66.7 % Met or Exceed in Math	54.1 % participate in GT level coursework.	64.5% of our students are on the all A or A/B Honor Roll

WHO WE ARE

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.



OUR SIC GOALS

- Increase family engagement through social activities hosted on campus.

GHMS hosted our first BFF Night (Bulldog Family Fun) on campus with a rented movie screen, outdoor games, and food. Multiple families attended with their students for an evening of fun together!

- Recognize excellence in teaching through longevity awards for staff.

We want to recognize teachers for their years of service and loyalty to the Bulldog family and community. Awards are being given to recognize specified years of dedication in the field of education and especially for those years of service given at GHMS.

ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL

Our school community read the book, *Restart* by Gordon Korman. We learned about the importance of how we treat others and that we are often given the opportunity to learn from our mistakes and make a difference out of a second chance. Each content area did lessons and activities related to the themes in the novel over the course of the week, exhibiting our school-wide efforts in supporting literacy.



~School Improvement Council Members~

Aaron Duda-Co Chair
Erin Webster-Co Chair
Maggie Bowers-Community Member
David Cheske-Assistant Principal
Alicia Dasch-Community Member
Richard Eppes-Principal
Laura Green-PTO Representative

Angie Harms-Assistant Principal
Jennifer Isenhour-Teacher of the Year
Scot Kiggans-Teacher
Caryn Scroggs-Assistant Principal
Sheri Severance-Parent
Leslie Shrum-Teacher
Aaron Thrasher-Teacher
Christy Tolentino-Parent



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WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL

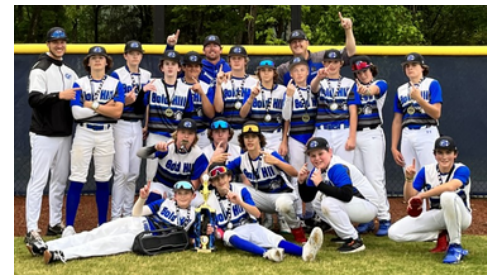
Our students, staff, and families work hard to achieve success in all the areas exemplified by the profile of the SC Graduate: world-class knowledge, world-class skills, and life and career characteristics. Here are just a few of our Bulldog Brags!

- We celebrate our outstanding teachers each month with a special Teacher of the Month recognition selected by the students.
- Our school community raised over \$18,000 for Special Olympics, placing us 1st in the District Contest for Polar Plunge.
- We recognized over 75 students this year for outstanding behavior in our Student of the Quarter program.
- We have several former Bulldogs that return to our hallways as Teacher Cadets from the local high school to learn what it's like to be a teacher and mentor our students.
- The Bulldog Shake competition was back this year! 27 students competed using their soft skills and were judged by community members from a variety of fields.
- Each week our 7th grade teachers recognize Students of the Week and award them a prize (thanks to donations from our parent community)
- 7th grade students learned about the impact of the Holocaust from a current student's surviving family member.
- Our general settings music class put on multiple performances showcasing the talents of our special settings students working along with our general education students.



ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The GHMS Dance team received several podium placements in local competitions as well as a the special judges award for future varsity dancers.
- Girls on the Run Heart & Sole had their biggest team yet and ended the season at the 5k Reindeer Romp in Rock Hill.
- 7th Grade Boys Basketball went to the Championships.
- Boys and Girls track teams placed 3rd in the Conference.
- Girls soccer finished the regular season as the #1 seed and won the Conference Championship.
- Baseball team finished the regular season as the #1 seed and won the Conference Championship.



ARTISTIC & EXTRACURRICULAR SUCCESSES

- The Bulldog Robotics team competed in the Slapshot Challenge as well as won competitions at the regional, state, and world level.
- Mr. Hammond started up a new club, Chess Mate's with over 45 student members.
- Our band program thrives with 39 students in All-Region Band, 8 students in All-State Band, 1 student in All-State Orchestra, and 2 students marching with FMHS Band. The band received Superior with Distinction ratings at the SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment. Our jazz band, percussion ensemble, and pep band display their talents at a variety of school events.
- Our art club has developed and installed a continuous hallway mural down our related arts hallway. Other artists received awards at our District Art Show.
- 8th Grade Honors Chorus received an Excellent rating at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment.
- 7th Grade Honors Chorus received a Superior rating at the SCMEA Choral Performance Assessment.
- Our students competed at the Winthrop Feria Spanish Competition and received notable, excellent, and outstanding ratings.
- The Matilda Jr. cast performed for Broadway professionals at the Junior Theater Celebration in Charlotte.



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 \$28,000 in enriching curriculum programs and resources. Our teachers also enjoy spontaneous luncheons and snack carts to keep them energized throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 8th Grade students learned the Lincoln Douglas debate format to respectfully argue with their peers about their beliefs with community members serving as judges.
- Beta Club students gave over 1000 hours of community service.
- The combined Honors Chorus classes performed the National Anthem at a Charlotte Checkers game.
- Tega Cay City Manager came to to help our 7th grade mathematicians start on a city planning project.
- We started a new mentoring program, Bulldogs on Track, where community leaders (police, business leaders, firefighters) come in to meet with and mentor several students.

