

CAROLINA SPRINGS MS

Report to Our Families



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CSMS MISSION & VISION

Our Vision is to create an exemplary, developmentally appropriate learning experience for adolescent learners through innovative pedagogy, celebrating growth and effort, and building positive relationships.

We will:

Embrace differences, teach and model character, demonstrate personal, professional, and academic integrity, serve as positive mentors and role models, teach effective goal-setting, and hold ourselves and our students to the highest standards. (Character)

We will:

Provide academic support of a rigorous curriculum so all students learn at high levels as we teach the skills of self-direction, lifelong learning, collaboration, critical thinking, communication. (Scholarship)

We will:

Develop respectful relationships with students and their families, create and encourage extracurricular opportunities and participation, plan and deliver engaging learning experiences, and encourage friendship. (Memories)

We will:

Encourage ownership of our learning environment, seek curriculum-relevant service projects, and partner with our community and its leaders to help our students gain an understanding of global citizenship. (Service)

2022-2023

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

This school year, we explored all the opportunities available at Carolina Springs Middle School. Our yearly theme of "#ExploreCSMS" took us on many memorable adventures, from becoming a School to Watch to winning back-to-back basketball championships to excelling in the classroom. Our Huskies are always ready to explore!

Academics

- 57 seventh- and eighth-grade students competed in National History Day at the regional level, and 12 students competed in National History Day at the state level
- Seventh grader Dev Chauhan took third in the National History Day state competition, earning him an alternate spot for Nationals
- 30 new members were added to the CSMS Junior Beta Club



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- Four students were named to the Health Careers Medical Explorers Program through Mid-Carolina AHEC and Midlands Technical College
- Over 18,000 book checkouts, more than 17,000 individual student interactions, and nearly 650 whole-class learning opportunities took place in the school library

Arts & Athletics

- Student representation in football, volleyball, cheerleading, state fair horse competitions, region orchestra, archery, district orchestra, district choir, winterguard, dance, basketball, National History Day, track and field, baseball, and lacrosse at CSMS and WKHS

PURPOSE OF OUR REPORT

South Carolina Act 135 of 1993 requires each of the state's local School Improvement Councils (SICs) to publish and distribute a report to families each year highlighting the progress the school is making in achieving the goals and objectives of its five-year School Improvement Plan and the SIC's annual goals. This report is unique to each school and is developed by the SIC with input of the principal to share the successes and challenges of the school and its students, teachers, and parents for the current school year.

WITH GRATITUDE

We honor our School Improvement Council:

Community Participants

- Michelle Chinault
- Jennifer Estabrooks
- Yolanda Hannah, vice chair
- Jennifer Jeffcoat
- Derrick Liferidge
- Daniel Oddo
- Mark Rouse
- Justin Tipton, chair
- Lysett Thompson
- Cedric Wright

Faculty and Staff

- Ashley Carter, 21-22 Teacher of the Year
- Jennifer Gilley
- Judith Hite
- Sarah Jorgenson, council secretary, 22-23 Teacher of the Year
- Julie Long
- Janet Reamy
- Dr. Brice Cockfield
- William Estes
- Leah Sarantopoulos
- Tiffany Wagner



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- Back-to-back Lexio championship titles and two undefeated seasons for basketball
- Eighth grader James Smith received all-region varsity basketball team honors

Student Recognition

- Husky of the Week program sponsored by Mark Rouse State Farm
- Students of the Month program sponsored by Hwy 55 Burgers & Fries
- Eighth grader Lillian Ariail was named Miss Carolina Springs Middle in the WKHS pageant

Faculty & Staff Honors

- Mrs. Sarah Jorgenson, school librarian, received Teacher of the Year honors
- Mr. Jason Sallings, ISS monitor, named Staff Member of the Year
- Mrs. Maria Canepa (Social Studies) and Ms. Anedra Wilson (Counseling) renewed their National Board Certification (NBCT)
- Ms. Mihaela Livingston (MLL) earned her NBCT initial designation
- Mrs. Leah Sarantopoulos promoted to principal at Beechwood Middle School

Additional Achievements

- One of 37 schools in South Carolina to receive initial designation as a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, honoring outstanding middle schools across the country through lengthy application and interview processes and an on-site visit
- Recognized as an AVID Certified Site for the 2022-23 school year
- First-ever PACK Week competition, the ultimate team-building experience with PACK groups competing against each other for Husky Bones through various scholastic and athletic events
- LOCC Club celebrated Red Ribbon Week on campus with dress-up days, minute-to-win-it challenges, and a talent show
- Over \$3,000 raised during St. Jude Week through grade-level change wars and our first school social in years
- \$780 raised through Special Olympics' ice bucket challenge
- \$5,000 grant from Educational Foundation to improve our recess area
- \$250 Michelin Golden Apple grant awarded to Mrs. Jorgenson, our school librarian, to create a passive makerspace area

