## Fast Facts

- Enrollment of 485 students
- Gifted and talented Endorsed teachers
- 97% student attendance rate
- Authorized by IB for Primary and Middle Years Programmes
- 100% parental involvement
- 2017 National Blue Ribbon School

# School Improvement Council Members

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Shawntay White - Principal Bryan Smith -Assistant Principal Sara Lyle - IB Coordinator

## **Members**

Sherlonda Adkins –Parent Meagan Gentry- Parent Pamela Rijo - Teacher Yvonne Murray-Teacher Tracie Howe-Teacher/Chair Sterling deVries-Community Linda Dennis-Community

## **<u>Buist Foundation</u>**

We continue to enjoy strong parental involvement evidenced by our Parent Foundation. Our Foundation represents a wide range of parent, business and community partners who support our educational endeavors at Buist Academy. www.buistacademyfoundation.org/



# Buist Academy for Advanced Studies 2018-2019 School Improvement Council's Report to Parents & Community Members

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Annual Report to Parents is to communicate major accomplishments of the 2018-2019 school year and progress towards fulfilling goals .



#### **The Mission Statement**

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies aims to challenge students in a rigorous environment which emphasizes achievement, encourages academic excellence, and promotes respect for individual differences. Together with Charleston County School District, the International Baccalaureate Organization, and community partners, Buist Academy equips students with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to take action in their local and global community.

## Shawntay White, Principal Karrie Looney, Assistant Principal Sara Lyle, IB Coordinator

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# School and Student Highlights for 2018-2019

- Foreign Language Program for Students in Grades K-8
- Differentiation of Instruction
  Through Digital Resources and
  Personalized Learning
- Annual High School
  Information Fair
- Middle Years Programme
  Community Projects
- Primary Years Programme
  Exhibitions
- Award Winning Mock Trial Team (2nd In the State)
- Community Service Focus
  Through House System
- Family and Curriculum Night

- Steel Drums Program
  - Terrific Kids Recognition
  - Annual Special Person's Day
  - Student Led School News Show
  - Winter Music Performance and Spring Musical
- Spring Fling Carnival
- Jump Rope for Heart
- 1 to 1 iPad School and Chromebooks
- Reading Awareness Month Celebrations
- Annual Career Fair
- Great Kindness Challenge Participants
- MYP Quiz Bowl Team



For more information you may view Buist Academy's South Carolina school report card at www.ed.sc.gov

# Year In Review

The 2018-2019 academic year has been another outstanding year for Buist Academy. We continue to achieve high scores on all standardized tests including SCREADY, SCPASS and Algebra EOC. We started the year with a goal to focus on student growth and children are continuing to make gains.

Our International Baccalaureate curriculum provides a framework for instruction which emphasizes inquiry, interdisciplinary connections, and collaboration. Buist Academy continues to take action in the local community and beyond by participating in various programs such as book drives and environmental clean up programs.

# **School Renewal Goals**

We will work to maintain academic excellence through hands on inquiry driven learning, professional development for our staff and the development of professional learning communities. We will also continue to expand professional, development opportunities for teachers, work to increase diversity within the school population and develop partnerships within the Charleston community.