

2016-17 Points of Pride

- Quest Competition Team
- Hosted Regional Robotics Competition
- Robotics team advanced to the State Competition
- ROMS and ENES received a STEAM grant
- New morning news show launched
- Theater classes added to the Fine Arts department
- The theater department at ENES and ROMS collaborated and performed "The Lion King" in April
- Honor Band, Dance, Steel Drums, Chorus and strings selected to perform at Walt Disney World
- Boys Football Won the District Championship
- Boys Basketball won the District Championship
- Girls Volleyball finished runner up at the District Championship
- National Junior Beta Club attended State Convention and invited to attend the National Convention
- National Junior Beta Club received the award of distinction
- Frank Smith named River Oaks Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Kristyn Palazzolo and Antuan Augustus named Rookie Teachers of the Year
- Jesse Wright named Star Performer of the Year
- Quarterly Honor Roll Academic Celebration
- Weekly PBIS Awards
- ROMS Band received a Superior rating at State Festival
- Health and Wellness Award Winner
- ROMS Trebuchet Team participated in a regional competition at the Citadel
- Award winning VEX team



School Improvement Council

Calandra Reddick-Chair

Craner Gourdine—Teacher

Amanda Peterson—Teacher

Carrie Cole—Parent

Christine Legare—Parent

Scott Matthews - Principal/Ex-Officio

Officer Michael Poulos—Community

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to a school's principal and faculty. SICs play a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local school.

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RIVER OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual Report to the Parents

2016-17



Excellence Innovation Relationships

Scott Matthews
Principal

Ayanna Bryant-Gadson
Assistant Principal

Bradley Rodgers
Assistant Principal

Full STEAM Ahead at ROMS

River Oaks Middle School has received a STEAM grant that will be implemented over the next 3 years. The grant will integrate arts and technology curriculum into all content areas with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. The goal of the grant is to improve academic achievement for all students, close the achievement gap, enhance academic motivation and improve the school climate overall.



Current Enrollment

6th grade - 318

7th grade - 335

8th grade - 325

A letter from the SIC Chairman and Principal:

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

River Oaks Middle School is a school where excellence, innovation and the building and sustaining of relationships is our focus. River Oaks is located in a beautiful neighborhood in the southern corner of Dorchester 2 District, and has experienced wonderful growth in the ten years it has existed.

Located in a community that includes employers such as Bosch, Boeing and the Charleston Air Force Base, to name a few, it is no wonder that our school has a rich variety of opportunities for its students. Classes and after school offerings at River Oaks are as plentiful and diverse as our student population. During the school day our classes ranging from steel drums and guitar to technology and Spanish are available. This year we added Theater classes at ROMS. River Oaks students also have exciting after school activities that cover a wide spectrum of interests such as athletics, Junior Beta Club, and an award winning robotics team.

The dedicated administration and staff at River Oaks Middle School are excited about the "STAR to STEAM" grant that we recently received. In year one we have created a 21st Century media center, added iPad technology in all content areas, and created a new morning news program. We are looking forward to continuing to implement our exciting initiatives in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) areas at ROMS. We welcome you to River Oaks Middle School and encourage you to get to know us better. Full STEAM ahead!

Respectfully,

Calandra Reddick,, *School Improvement Council Chair*

Scott Matthews, *Principal*

River Oaks Middle School Goals

ACADEMIC GOAL

To prepare all students to meet or exceed the state standards as measured by SC READY and the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards.

BEHAVIOR GOAL

To improve the climate of River Oaks Middle School by increasing student/staff recognition opportunities and loss of instructional time through the implementation of **Positive Behavioral Intervention Support**.

COMMUNITY GOAL

Collaborate with local business and industry to provide materials and resources related to student learning and increase parent involvement in all parent working groups (PTSA/SIC).

Mission Statement

The mission of River Oaks Middle School is to provide students with knowledge, skills, and experiences that enable them to reach their fullest potential as independent thinkers as well as responsible and productive citizens.

Vision Statement

By providing an education in an atmosphere that encourages creativity, physical and emotional well-being, and tolerance for diversity, we seek to address the unique needs of the young adolescent in an ever-changing society.