

2018-19 Points of Pride

- Capturing Kids' Hearts implementation underway to improve the school climate
- River Oaks Middle School received the Channel Two "Cool School" Award
- Hosted Regional Robotics Competition
- ROMS 7th grade student placed 5th at the Regional Spellbound Spelling Bee
- 7th grade student qualified for the State level Geography Bee
- The ROMS steel drum band received an Excellent Rating at Day of Percussion Festival
- The ROMS chorus received an Excellent Rating at the state chorus festival
- ROMS Honor Band received a Superior rating at State Performance Assessment
- The Theater department at ROMS performed the musical "Once On This Island" in March
- 8th grade Band, Dance and Chorus students performed at Walt Disney World
- Boys Basketball finished runner up at the District Championship Tournament
- National Junior Beta Club attended State Convention and won numerous awards
- Larry Wigfall named River Oaks Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Alyson Collum and Madison Jones named co-Rookie Teachers of the Year
- Madison Jones selected as a District Rookie Honor Teacher
- Matthew Negron named Star Performer of the Year
- Quarterly Honor Roll Academic Parades
- Weekly Bobcats of the Week Awards
- Health and Wellness Award Winner
- School level and district level reflection winner for Visual Art
- Award winning VEX team



School Improvement Council

Mary Conard—Teacher

Craner Gourdine—Teacher

Amy Sarvis—Teacher

Catrina Mackie—Parent

Jeimmy Hernandez—Parent

Stacey Hilton-Ex-Officio

Scott Matthews - Principal/Ex-Officio

James Parker—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

2018-19



Excellence Innovation Relationships

Scott Matthews
Principal

Ayanna Bryant-Gadson
Assistant Principal

Bradley Rodgers
Assistant Principal

Amanda Hodges
Assistant Principal

Capturing Kid's Hearts

River Oaks Middle School has begun the process of implementing the Capturing Kid's Hearts model campus wide. 60% of ROMS staff have been trained and the remainder of the staff will receive additional training this summer. The primary focus of Capturing Kid's Hearts is to develop healthy relationships between students, teachers, school community and to teach effective skills that help participants. It will also improve classroom rapport and teamwork to create a safe, trusting learning environment.



Current Enrollment

6th grade - 323

7th grade - 339

8th grade - 318

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 eleven 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. River Oaks students also have exciting after school activities that cover a wide spectrum of interests such as athletics, Junior Beta Club, VEX team and an award winning robotics team.

The dedicated administration and staff at River Oaks Middle School are excited about the implementation of the Capturing Kids' Hearts campus model to improve our school climate and develop meaningful relationships with every student. We also continue to increase student engagement in the classroom with our continued STEAM initiatives. ROMS continues to prepare each students to be college and career ready.

Respectfully,

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 developing healthy relationships between students, teachers and the school community through the implementation of the Capturing Kid's Hearts Model.

COMMUNITY GOAL

To increase the number of parent and community volunteers at the school by 25% (PTSA/SIC/Lunch Buddies).

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.