

## **2015-16 Points of Pride**

- Quest Competition (3rd place Math)
- Hosted Regional Robotics Competition
- Robotics team placed 1st at the FLL Regional Competition
- Robotics team won Design Innovation award at state
- ROMS and ENES received a 1.8 million dollar STAR to STEAM grant
- Theater classes added to the Fine Arts department
- The theater department performed "Annie" in March
- Honor Band, Dance, Steel Drums, Chorus and strings selected to perform at Walt Disney World
- Boys Basketball finished runner up at the District Championship
- Girls Basketball finished runner up at the District Championship
- National Junior Beta Club attended State Convention and invited to attend the National Convention
- David VanArsdalen named River Oaks Middle School Teacher of the Year
- Carter Hartwell named Rookie Teacher of the Year
- Joyce Straub 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
- 2 State Level reflection winners for Art
- 1 District Level reflection winner for Dance
- ROMS Trebuchet Team participated in 1st competition at the Citadel
- Award winning VEX team



## **School Improvement Council**

Allison Marecki—Chair  
Alexandra Stubbs—Teacher  
Rebecca Wnek—Teacher  
Carrie Cole—Parent  
Christine Legare—Parent  
Faith Sharkey—Nurse  
Katie Birchwood—School Psychologist  
Scott Matthews - Principal/Ex-Officio  
Officer 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*

**2015-16**



**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 - 313

7th grade - 338

8th grade - 315

### *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 nine 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 working with students and parents. They are focused on the education of the whole child in order to prepare them for the challenging yet exciting future. In addition to academics we are focusing on improving the health and wellness of our River Oaks Community. River Oaks Middle School is an award winning wellness school. We welcome you to River Oaks Middle School and encourage you to get to know us better.

Respectfully,

Allison Marecki, *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.