

School Improvement Council (SIC) Report

2019-2020



Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science is helping all students develop world class skills and the life and career characteristics detailed in the Profile of the SC Graduate by providing a safe and nurturing learning community dedicated to each student's growth. We offer a robust academic curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics paired with several unique course offerings in the arts and sciences. Our students are able to take Biology I, English I, Algebra I, Spanish I and Computer Applications for high school credit. We are proud that a remarkable 97% of those students passed their End of Course Exams. We continually stressed the importance of high-level literacy and numeracy in our scholars' lives and vigilantly monitor each student's academic growth. We strive to help students create solid academic foundation on which to build their dreams. Jerry Zucker Middle School also provides a comprehensive character education program to develop integrity, perseverance, self-direction, and interpersonal skills.

Understanding that our lessons guide children's lives long after they leave our building, we also focus students on being responsible and accountable learners. We take special pride in our diverse student population, and we are intentional in explaining that our diversity is a great source of strength for our learning community. We treat each other with dignity and kindness to develop a global perspective necessary for success in the diverse world beyond our school walls.

We are also committed to building fruitful partnerships with our community. We enjoy devoted support from numerous corporate, faith-based, military, and civic institutions. Through these partnerships, we are able to expose our students to many interesting opportunities and careers that can either create a spark or sharpen their existing focus.

Most importantly, our faculty and staff share a deeply held belief in the unlimited potential of our students. We are sustained by a supportive community, a determined teaching force, and an unwavering dedication to our student's overall well-being. It is my great privilege to serve as the principal of Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science. I will continue to build on our substantial successes by improving our instructional services and communicating our vision with the greater school community-- a vision rooted in our unyielding belief in realizing the potential in every student, every day, without exceptions, and without excuses.

I look forward to working with you in the coming years to develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the SC Graduate in each of our students.

Jacob Perlmutter, Principal

Carie Tyndall, SIC Chair

Jerry Zucker Middle School Mission Statement

**Every Student. Every Day.
No Exceptions. No Excuses.**

Jerry Zucker Middle School

Lightning Bolts of Pride 2019-2020

- Robust core curriculum with daily block periods of English Language Arts and Mathematics and a Science focused flex period
- Integrated acceleration for gifted learners and remediation for struggling learners
- High school credit opportunities for 8th grade students
- Huge selection of afterschool activities, clubs, and academic enrichment programs
- Accomplished athletic programs in all sports offered through the North Charleston Recreation Department
- Championship Basketball, Soccer, and Football Teams
- Renowned band program with two marquee concerts and a spring trip
- Literary Magazine and school newspaper
- Annual Spring Fine Arts Night
- Tutoring Programs, ESOL Camp, Summer Bridge and/or Science Camp
- Fully Integrated School-wide guidance program
- Communities in Schools Partnership
- Active MTSS Team for struggling learners
- Annual overnight camping trips
- Rich related arts curriculum including art, band, computer applications, pre-engineering, and robotics
- Daily advisory period and morning news
- Smartboards and the most current technology in every classroom, state of the art Science labs and computer equipment
- A highly-qualified faculty ready to engage each student

ZMS Parenting Partners Program

Join us this year for a series of eight workshops that combine parenting and leadership skills to help parents be vital contributors to their children's success.

Parenting Partners is a comprehensive, interactive workshop that builds practical parenting skills and engages parents in positive leadership.

The workshop series will be offered multiple times, year-round (including an 8-week series in Spanish).

Parenting Events include: Donuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Report Card Pickup Nights/free produce giveaway, Fine Arts and Multicultural Night and The Lowcountry Food Bank Cooking Matters Course.

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

For more information, please contact:

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County SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Jerry Zucker
Middle
School of Science
Science Magnet**

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School Improvement Council REPORT TO PARENTS



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Grade 6, 7, and 8 Camping Trips



SCHOOL-WIDE AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2-Time National Capturing Kid's Heart Showcase School
- CCSD's PBIS School Recognition
- CCSD's Junior Scholars
- Duke Tip State Recognition
- High School Credit—Algebra 1— Passing Rate 2018 97%
- High School Credit—English 1— Passing Rate 2018 97%
- High School Credit—Biology 1— Passing Rate 2018 100%
- High School Credit—Keyboarding—Passing Rate 2018 100%
- 2018-2019 Boys & Girls Lightning Basketball Champions
- 2018-2019 Soccer Champions
- 2018-2019 G.R.E.A.T. Program Graduates (6th Grade)
- Comprehensive School Counseling Department

Jacob Perlmutter - Principal
 Carie Tyndall - SIC Liaison
 Blanca Lopez, ZMS Parent

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 Parent ng

Crankfield,
 Liaison



From the Principal

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

We have had a successful 2019-2020 School Year at Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science! We are looking forward to continuing our successful partnership during this important time in your child's life. Zucker Middle School opened ten years ago to meet the growing needs of our community and since that inaugural year we have been steamrolling forward in pursuit of academic excellence for each student that walks into our school. Your child is about to embark on an exciting journey – one dedicated to exploration, discovery, and realizing his/her innate potential.

Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science is a physically, intellectually, and emotionally safe learning community in which your child can grow as a student and a person. Understanding that our lessons guide children's lives long after they leave our building, we focus students on being responsible, accountable, and respectful learners. We take special pride in our diverse student population and are deliberate in explaining that this diversity is a source of strength for our learning community. We treat each other with dignity and kindness and prepare our students for the wonderfully diverse world beyond our walls.



We are also committed to building fruitful partnerships with the community and exposing our students to the many rewarding careers that could spark an interest and provide a focus for future learning and personal investment. We have stressed the importance of literacy in their lives and tracked and monitored the academic growth of every child in terms of literacy and numeracy. Most importantly, the faculty and staff share a deeply held belief in the unlimited potential of our students. We know that our school is not an end in itself, but a bridge to future learning and discovery. We have emerged this year as a stronger school because we have had the benefit of a supportive community, a determined teaching force and an unwavering dedication to our students overall well-being. It is my role as principal to build on our substantial successes by continually improving our instructional services and communicating our vision with the greater school community.

It is my great privilege to serve as the principal of the Jerry Zucker Middle School of Science. My door is always open if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas to improve our services. I look forward to working closely with you and your child in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Jacob Perlmutter

