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Teamwork. Responsibility. Ambition, Integrity. Leadership

Banks Trail Middle School

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Banks Trail Middle School

Together, Building a Tradition of Excellence.



With a motto of, "Together, Building a Tradition of Excellence," Banks Trail Middle School believes diversity is our strength. We've brought together many different backgrounds, talents, and ways of thinking to create one of the finest middle school environments imaginable.

Located in the Piedmont in Fort Mill, South Carolina, Banks Trail Middle School opened its classrooms to students in the fall of 2011. The school contains 126,000 square feet of space that accommodates our current enrollment of 796 students. There are 30 classrooms (100% of which are equipped with state-of-the-art Smart Boards), nine science labs, classrooms for fine arts and vocational education, and a gymnasium for special performances and assemblies. Our physical education and sports facilities include a gymnasium, a football/soccer stadium, a baseball field and batting cage, and four paved basketball courts.

It is our desire to create a school environment that will be enriched with academic, extracurricular, and community-based opportunities that equip all Banks Trail students

for their journey into high school and beyond. It is our responsibility to ensure that students have the knowledge, skills, and understanding to compete locally, nationally, and globally in all aspects of their lives. We sincerely believe middle school is a time when students are establishing the foundation for their successes in life through academic and social development and individual and societal awareness. We firmly believe these variables are cultivated by: classroom lessons that are rigorous, relevant, and engaging; extracurricular activities that enhance student learning and self-development; and community involvement, interaction, and service that make relevant connections to practical and educational experiences

In striving for that vision, our school has realized many

accomplishments (see page 5). BTMS students' academic achievements have been well documented by an Excellent rating every year in both absolute and growth ratings on the State School Report Card. Students participate and excel in local, regional, and state competitions that represent all aspects of school life including academics, the arts, and athletics.

Though always proud to discuss our successes; the faculty, parents and students of Banks Trail Middle School realize that excellence is the *vision* and not the *destination*.

Working together, we continue to identify and set goals that must be attained in order to continue providing the best possible educational community.





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Report to Parents 2016-17

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the end of the 2016-2017 school year has arrived. It was without a doubt another great year at The Trail! My initial impressions that I had of BTMS have been strengthened and solidified — this indeed is a place where “Together We Build a Tradition of Excellence.”

I am excited and honored to be part of your family’s journey through middle school. The faculty and staff of Banks Trail Middle School strive to provide the highest quality education possible to our students and over the years have developed an extraordinary reputation for success, as individuals and as a school community.

I have experienced first-hand why BTMS continues to lead the way in Fort Mill. The cooperation between parents, community members, staff, and students is the key to our success. As we look forward to the 2017-2018 school year, we will continue to improve in an effort to offer our students an even more exceptional learning environment.

Dr. William Pollard once said, "The arrogance of success is to think that what we did yesterday is good enough for tomorrow." I am extremely grateful for your tremendous support this year, and I look forward to working together to educate our children. I welcome your input as we strive to move BTMS forward. If you have ideas or suggestions, feel free to stop by the school or contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Peat". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Principal

Banks Trail Middle School



Grayson Bray

BTMS Student Council President 2016-17

“I have had such a great year at Banks Trail Middle School. I am so honored to be the Student Body President. I hope that the years to come will be just as great. I have been shown throughout my years at Banks Trail Middle School... “Where there is a will, there is a way!””

Melanie Kugler
BTMS Teacher of the Year 2017-18

“Banks Trail Middle School creates leaders. While here, students and teachers grow to be the best through creative collaboration, consistent problem solving, and hard work. People leave BTMS ready to impact the world and continue their pursuit of greatness.”



Kirk Ogden

BTMS SIC Chair

I have been very fortunate to have my children attend Banks Trail Middle School and privileged to be the Chair of the SIC Committee this year. I am continuously amazed at the professionalism shown by the Administration and Teachers and the level of enthusiasm they collectively show towards educating our children and guiding them to become successful, productive, contributing members of our society.

Kristi Whitaker
PTO President

“Banks Trail Middle School is an outstanding school. The teachers, staff, and administration go above and beyond to not only assure an exceptional education for our children, but to encourage our kids to be their personal best in all that they do. As PTO President, I can say that the parents are always eager to volunteer in any way we need them. The BTMS staff is gracious and appreciative of what the PTO does, and that is reflected in the parents' willingness to always step in and do!”





Our Mission

- Gifted and Talented Classes in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- Daily Power Period time
- High School Credit Courses
 - English 1 Honors
 - Algebra 1 Honors
- Related Arts Electives
 - Gateway to Technology (ITE) courses in:
 - Magic of Electronics, Basic Webpage Design & Modeling, & Automation & Robotics
 - Physical Education

- Junior Beta Club
- Character Education Program
- Cultural & Performing Arts
 - Art Honor Society
 - Band
 - Chorus
 - Drama/ Dance
- A/ B Honor Roll program
- Academic Challenge Teams
- Science Olympiad Team
- MATHCOUNTS Team

- **Middle School Sports**
 - Football
 - Volleyball
 - Cheerleading
 - Basketball Boys and Girls
 - Soccer Boys and Girls
 - Baseball
 - Track Boys and Girls

- Active School Improvement Council
- Awesome PTO
- Making Middle Grades Work
- Rising 5th graders Tour and Orientation
- Back-to-School Orientation
- Fine Arts Performances
- Faculty Websites

Academic

- Spanish
- Computer Technology
- Family and Consumer Science
- Art, Theater Arts and Music
- Extra Help – before school, during lunch, and after school
- Special Education Classes (resource and inclusion)
- Six-period daily schedule
- Intervention/Enrichment time (Tuesday/Thursday)
- Smart Boards, which allow for interactive learning
- Multiple Computer Labs, Google Chromebook Carts, and iPad carts
- Media Center with 10,000+ volumes, one full-time certified librarian

Enrichment

- Service Learning
- Student Council
- Yearbook Staff
- The Howl – Student News Program
- Class field trips
 - 6th: Discovery Place
 - 7th: Charleston, SC
 - 8th: Washington, DC
- Club Time (Monday and Wednesday)

Athletics

- **High School Sports**
 - Cross Country Boys and Girls
 - Golf Boys and Girls
 - Swimming Boys and Girls
 - Softball

Home School Connection

- Active School Improvement Council
- Awesome PTO
- Making Middle Grades Work
- Rising 5th graders Tour and Orientation
- Back-to-School Orientation
- Fine Arts Performances
- Faculty Websites
- Weekly Class Newsletters
- Community Service projects and events
- 5K Fun Run
- Staff Luncheons
- Staff Appreciation
- Box Top Fundraising
- Community Spirit Nights
- Volunteer Opportunities

Banks Trail strives to provide educational experiences in and outside of the classroom which empower all students to make a positive impact on their world.

Accomplishments, Recognitions, & Awards

- Palmetto Gold Award Overall Academic School Performance
- Palmetto Gold Closing the Achievement Gap
- Ms. Trish Mumaw, 8th grade Special Education teacher, earned recognition as Teacher of the Year for the Fort Mill School District.
- Fifty students recognized as Junior Scholars.
- Nineteen students received State Recognition for the Duke TiP Program.
- Two students received Grand Recognition for the Duke TiP Program.
- BTMS MATHCOUNTS Team placed 2nd in the Catawba Chapter Competition and 6th in the State Competition
- Science Olympiad Team placed 4th in the state.
- 6th Grade Academic Challenge Team placed 4th in the Olde English Consortium (OEC).
- 7th Grade Academic Challenge Team placed 3rd in the Olde English Consortium.
- 8th Grade Academic Challenge Team placed 7th in the Olde English Consortium.
- Sixth grade finished 1st, Seventh grade finished 6th and Eighth grade finished 5th in the OEC Academic Challenge Tournament.
- Winners in the Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest were Wesley B. and Samuel R. for 6th grade, Alayne S. for 7th grade, and Elana W. for 8th grade.
- 7th grader Evan S. qualified for the State Geography Bee.
- Nine students represented BTMS in Scripps National Spelling Bee District competition
- We had over 150 8th grade students take the PSAT
- BTMS Band & Chorus participation in Disney Performing Arts Workshop at EPCOT Center, Orlando, FL
- Three students attended the SC All-State Band Event.
- Twenty-nine students earned York County Band Honors.
- Nineteen students represented in the All-Region Band.
- Five Band students participated in the Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Winter and Spring Chorus and Band Performances.
- Chorus performances at Winthrop University, Baxter Tree Lighting Ceremony, Chili Showdown & the Charlotte Knights game.
- Hannah T.(7th) and Parker S(6th) named All-Star performers at the MTT Broadway Junior Musical Theater Festival.
- BTMS Theatre Company performed at Broadway Jr. for the 4th year in a row.
- Twenty seven students inducted into Junior Art Honor Society for BTMS.
- Participated in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest and took 1st and 2nd place honors with an additional 3 runners up.
- Juried Art Exhibit with over 100 works of art.
- Best in State Winner and SE Winner for the Verizon Innovative Learning App Challenge. Resulted in \$5000 award for BTMS.
- Banks Trail Broadcast Club, “The Howl” are National Champions in the Best Short Film category.
- Three BTMS Students were awarded Do the Right Thing awards from the Fort Mill Police Department.
- Banks Trail participated in a food drive collecting over 1600 pounds of food for families in need.
- BTMS Student Council raised over \$1200 for the Angel Tree gifts for the Fort Mill community.
- BTMS raised \$1500 for Hoops for Heart with a 3 on 3 basketball tournament and \$450 for UNICEF by having a Hats for Halloween Fundraiser.
- Students in 6th grade science were invited to participate in a National Geographic Explorers virtual Classroom Session.
- Implementation of the first annual Literacy Night with over 200 visitors, the Faces of Banks Trail and various classroom exhibits.
- Participated in Read Across America Day with over 50 special guest readers from BTMS and the Community.
- Attended the 7th grade career fair that took place in November, with over 60 businesses represented.
- Two Scholastic Book Fairs raised enough funds for the purchase of picnic tables for the outdoor courtyard outside of the Media Center.
- 2017 Girls Track team had an undefeated Spring Season. Five school records broken this year.
- 2017 Girls Track Conference Champions
- 2016 – 2017 Girls Soccer Conference Champions. First time in the history of BTMS.

2016-17 School Improvement Council Members

- Kirk Ogden, Chair, Parent
- Michael Pratt, Principal
- Trish Mumaw, Teacher of the Year
- Maggie Hermanson, Teacher Representative
- Montrio Belton, 6th Grade Parent
- Katherine Carroll 6th Grade Parent
- Gigi Frank, Teacher
- Cathy Meltzer, 7th Grade Parent
- Christine Fisher, 8th Grade Parent
- Kristin Zeppelin, Community Member
- Kendra King, PTO Representative

School Improvement Council Purpose

Mandated by law, the SIC serves as an advisory group to the school. The SIC brings together parents, school faculty, and community stakeholders to collectively establish, monitor, and evaluate specific long and short-range goals for student achievement. In addition, the SIC is a forum for parents, community members, and faculty members to share ideas and concerns about the school. Other functions of the SIC are to provide an annual school report to parents and the community and to increase parental awareness of and involvement in SIC initiatives. The BTMS SIC meets monthly. Updates and reports about the SIC are available on the school website.

2016-17 PTO Officers

- PRESIDENT: Kristi Whitaker
- VICE PRESIDENT: Vacant
- TREASURER: Kendra King
- SECRETARY: Cindy Slafka

Athletic Booster Club Board Members

- Marie Rasmussen
- Rachelle Settle
- Michelle Kurtz
- Steve McPherson
- Jason Thompson
- Chad Rasmussen

Testing Data

Science and Social Studies SC PASS Data:

The percentages below reflect students who have scored Met and Above passing rate the year prior.

| Grade | Science | Social Studies |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| 6 th | 91% | 95.7% |
| 7 th | 92.7% | 91.4% |
| 8 th | 92.1% | 95.7% |

English and Math SC College & Career-Ready (SC READY) Assessment Data:

The percentages below reflect students who have scored Exceeds and Meets Expectations for the prior year.

| Grade | English | Math |
|-----------------|---------|-------|
| 6 th | 71.1% | 76.5% |
| 7 th | 69.0% | 72.2% |
| 8 th | 75.0% | 79.5% |

English 1 and Algebra 1 End of Course Data:

English – 100% passing

Algebra 1 – 98.6% passing

Annual Report

Banks Trail Middle School and its School Improvement Council would like to share this Annual Summary Report with parents and community members who are interested in our school. The report provides information about our student academic achievement, school accomplishments, programs, and community service and involvement.