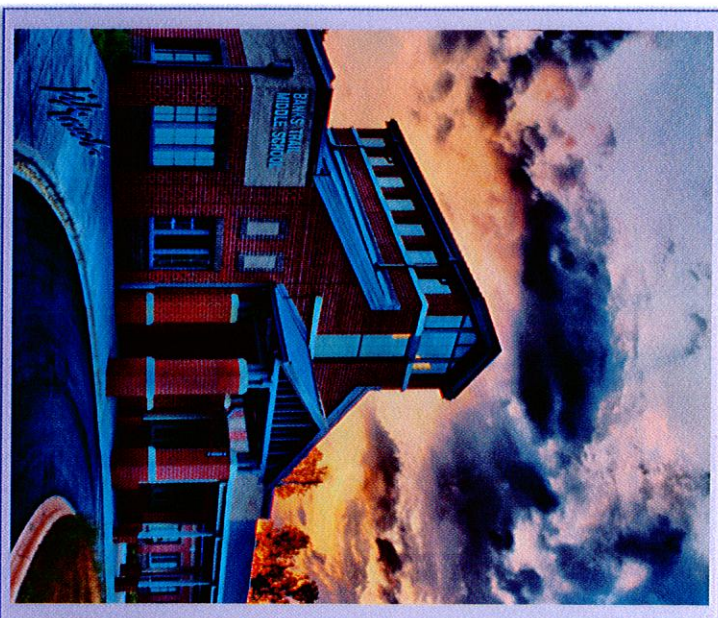


Banks Trail Middle School 2013-14 SIC Annual Report



2013-14 School Improvement Council Members:

- Carolyn Harris, Chair, Parent
- Anita Joudin, Vice-Chair, Parent
- Katherine Lockhart, Secretary, Parent
- Adrienne Wiggins, Parent
- Rachel Webster, Teacher
- Cort Husted, Teacher
- Geoffrey Wagner, Teacher
- Tamara Pettigrew, Teacher
- Ouida Dest, Community Member
- Jason Johns, Principal

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 work together to collectively establish, monitor, and evaluate specific long and short range goals for student achievement. In addition the SIC us a resource for parents, community members, and faculty members to share ideas and concerns about the school. Other functions of the SIC is to provide an annual school report to parents and the community and increase parental awareness and involvement of SIC initiatives. The BTMS SIC meets monthly in the school media center. Updates and reports about the SIC are available on the school's web-site.

Annual Report:

Banks Trail 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.

SIC Goals:

- 1) The Banks Trail Middle School SIC will provide opportunities, initiatives, program, events, and activities to increase parent involvement at Banks Trail Middle School.
- 2) The Banks Trail Middle School SIC will provide information and opportunities to parents and community members to increase the awareness about the function of Banks Trail's SIC.

Accomplishments, Recognitions, & Awards:

- Palmetto Gold Award Overall Academic School Performance
- Palmetto Silver Closing the Achievement Gap
- South Carolina PLTW Engineering Competition: 2nd Place in state VEX robotics competition.
- South Carolina PLTW Engineering Competition: 1st Place in state Teamwork Competition.
- Ms. Jennifer McGinnis, 8th Grade Science, selected for the Science P.L.U.S. Institute at Roper Mountain Science Center.
- Ms. Julie Maynard, ITE Instructor, selected as the middle school presenter at the annual SC Educational and Business Summit.
- BTMS Band and Honors Chorus performance at STARS Festival Orlando, FL.
- Four students: SC All-State Band Event: Furman University.
- Twelve students represented in the All-Region Band. Twenty- six students represented in the York County Honor Band.
- Jane Grace Lowther 3rd Place Scripps National Spelling Bee District Competition:
- Three students named to All-State Band
- Thirty-seven students recognized as Jr. Scholars.
- Thirteen students recognized at Duke T.I.P Scholars.
- William Moore: Grand Recognition Duke T.I.P. Scholar.
- Four students were in the top 10 nominations for South Carolina's "Do the Right Thing" ceremony.
- Math Counts Team earned 1st Place in York County competition.
- Mr. David Helms, 8th Grade Social Studies teacher, was Keynote Speaker, for the Town of Fort Mill's Vetrari's Day Ceremony and was selected as The Herald's Middle School Teacher of the Year.
- Two students: AllStar Performers by Broadway Jr. BTMS Theatre Company performed at the MTI Broadway Jr. Musical Theatre Festival
- Two all-star awards- MTI Broadway Jr. Theatre Festival
- Conor Hanlon SC Geography Bee – winning district bee and making to the State Competition.
- 8th Graded ProTeam (below) traveled to Winthrop Univ. for teacher leadership training.



Jason B. Johns Principal
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School History and Facts:

Banks Trail Middle School opened its doors on August 17, 2011, to four hundred and thirty-two 6th and 7th grade students. In the 2013-2014 school year, Banks Trail has grown to 721 students, with our pupil population expected to continue its increase. The school's motto, "I am the Trail," is a symbolic metaphor that depicts the commitment of students, teachers, and school administrators to build a school of excellence in teaching and learning is a way of life at Banks Trail Middle School. Since the opening of its doors, Banks Trail has created a school environment that is enriched with academic, extracurricular, and community-based opportunities that will allow each Banks Trail student to thrive in a fun and engaging learning environment.

- **School Vision:** "Together, Building a Tradition of Excellence"
- **School Mission:** "Pursuing Excellence in Teaching and Learning Each Day."
- **School Motto:** "I am the Trail, the Experience, the Excellence, the Tradition begins..."
- **School Colors:** Purple, Black, and Silver
- **School Mascot:** Timberwolves
- **School Principal:** Jason Johns
- **Asst. Principals:** Chad Allen & Sommer Jones

PASS Data:

The percentages below reflect students how have scored either met or above passing rate.

Grade	Math	Science/SS	EIA
6 th	86%	91%	93%
7 th	89%	86%	86%
8 th	88%	89%	86%

Additional Academic, Attendance, & Discipline

Data:

- 54% of BTMS Students made the A or A/B Honor Roll
- Students Year-End Attendance Rate: 97.8%
- Expulsions and Drop-Out Rate: 0%

Academic and Extracurricular Programs:

Making Middle Grades Work: As a member of the Southern Regional's Education Board's MMGW national network, our school is committed to implementing the following MMGW practices: 1.) an academic core that aligns to students' knowledge and college-preparatory English, mathematics, science, and social studies skills. 2.) a belief that all students matter, 3.) high expectations and a system for extra help, 4.) engaging classroom practices, 5.) teachers working together, 6.) support from parents, 7.) qualified teachers, 8.) use of data, 9.) use of technology for learning, and 10.) strong leadership.

Gifted and Talented: Students have been identified as demonstrating high performance ability or potential in their core academic area. Forty percent of BTMS students are enrolled in GT.

Elective Curriculum: The following elective courses are available to BTMS students: Art, Band, Chorus, Theatre Arts, Spanish, Computer Technology, Family and Consumer Science, ITE Gateways to Technology, Health and P.E.

Duke TIP: Focuses on the identification and recognition of qualifying 7th grade students to take college entrance exams.

"Digital Trail": Banks Trail embraces the use and implementation of technology to enhance learning. Students have access to technology-based learning resources such as: Banks Trail's Wi-Fi server, e-books, student-centered instructional game sites, Achieve 3000, and a wide variety of online innovative applications.

Learning Clubs: One of Banks Trail foundational principles is to offer extracurricular opportunities for students that provide practical experiences that relate to classroom instruction, therefore Banks Trail offers over 15 learning clubs to its students. Some clubs include the following:

Broadcasting Club: School news program that broadcast and cover special school events and activities, teacher activities, and sporting events.

Math Counts Club: Math Counts is a national middle school coaching and competition club which meets throughout the Fall semester to prepare for county and state competitions.

Engineering Club: The engineering club explores and participates in various aspects of PLTW engineering, including VEX robotics, flight and space, design and modeling, and electrical engineering.

Yearbook Club: This group designs and develops the school yearbook. The staff takes pictures and records the events of the school year.

Science Olympiad: Students develop science projects in the areas of Anatomy, Disease Detectives, Forestry, Microbe Mission, Water Quality, Dynamic Planet (Earth's Fresh Water), Meteorology (Climate), rocks and minerals, bottle rockets, etc.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: A student led group that focuses on serving local communities by empowering and encouraging people through faith-based initiatives.

BTMS School Beautification Day: On Saturday, October 5th over 100 students, 40 parents, and Banks Trail's Faculty and Staff worked together to spread mulch, beautify flower beds, and plant trees.

Helping Hands Club: Throughout the year, this club performs service projects on Banks Trail's campus and throughout the Fort Mill community. On a regular basis these students meet during lunch to collaborate on service-based initiatives. The club is open to all students.

Math digits Night: On September 16th, Banks Trail hosted a parent math night to present information concerning South Carolina's new online math textbook-digits. This was an incredibly well-attended event in which our math teachers guided parents through the resources available for this new textbook.

Community Service and Involvement:

- "Pasta for Pennies" Leukemia Awareness project raised **\$2,458.24**.
- Donated gifts to **21** Angel Tree families
- Implemented year-long anti-bullying workshop lessons.
- BTMS Hunger Drive donated **2,800 lbs.** of food to Fort Mill Care Center.
- Developed School Partnerships with **48** Community Business Partners.
- BTMS Beta Club participated in the York County Homeless Drive.

