



2014-15 School Improvement Council Members:

- **Rachel Webster**, Teacher (2013-2014 TOY)
- Adrienne Wiggins, Chair, Parent
- Kristy Anderson, Parent
- Christine Fisher, Parent
- Chris Maggio, Parent
- Leslie Nivens, Teacher
- Cori Hustedt, Teacher
- Danielle Lennon, 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:

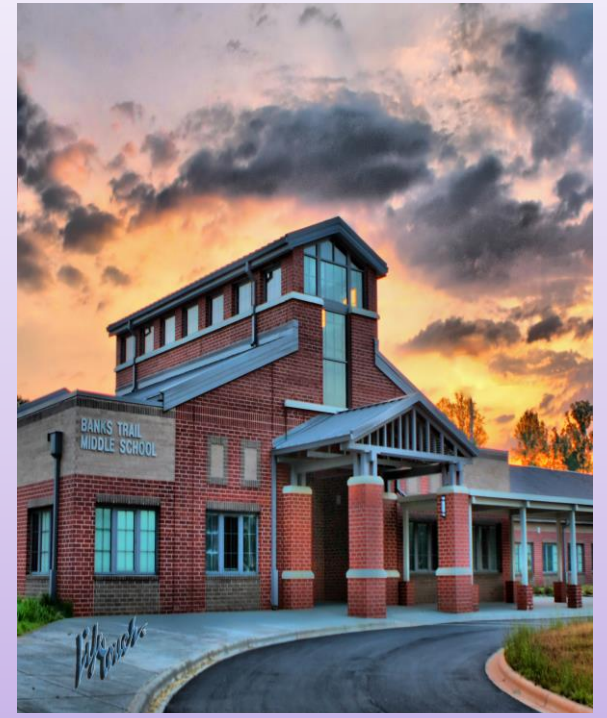
- 1) The Banks Trail Middle School SIC will provide opportunities, initiatives, program, events, and activities to increase parent involvement at Banks Trail Middle School.
- 2) The Banks Trail Middle School SIC will provide information and opportunities to parents and community members to increase the 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: 4th place in USC Pumpkin Chunkin Competition. BTMS was the only middle school to participate in this contest.
- 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, was recognized as a CLT Joules Energy Innovation Award Nominee for the AREVA Inspiration Award.
- BTMS Band and Honors Chorus performance at STARS Festival Orlando, FL.
- Three students: SC All-State Band Event: Furman University.
- Thirty four students earned York County Band Honors.
- Nineteen students represented in the All-Region Band.
- Forty-two students recognized as Jr. Scholars.
- Fourteen students invited to attend Summer Studies through Duke T.I.P Scholars program.
- MATHCOUNTS Team earned 1st Place Catawba Chapter Competition- 2nd Year in a row!
- MATHCOUNTS had four students went to State Comp. placing 9th.
- 10 students represented BTMS in District Scripps National Spelling Bee District Competition.
- Two students: AllStar Performers by Broadway Jr.
- BTMS Theatre Company performed at the MTI Broadway Jr. Musical Theatre Festival for the 2nd year in a row.
- Steffen Merkle SC Geography Bee – successful in district bee and making it to the State Competition.
- Ms. Melanie Kugler recognized as a Siemens STEM Institute Fellow.
- BTMS PowerPeriod showcased 23 Enrichment Clubs during “Club Night at the Trail” which saw over 1,000 community member in attendance.
- Ms. Danielle Lennon, 8th grade Social Studies, earned recognition as one of only five Honor Roll Teachers in the FMSD.



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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 2014-2015 school year, Banks Trail has grown to 698 students, with our pupil population expected to continue its increase by 10% each following year. The school's motto, "I am the Trail," depicts the commitment of students, teachers, and school administrators to build a school of excellence in teaching and learning as a way of life at Banks Trail Middle School. In order to nurture the whole child, Banks Trail has created a school environment enriched with academic, extracurricular, and community-based opportunities which will allow each Banks Trail student to thrive in a relevant and engaging learning environment.

- **School Mission:** "Rigor, Engagement, and Communication."
- **School Vision:** "Together, Building a Tradition of Excellence"
- **School Colors:** Purple, Black, and Silver
- **School Mascot:** Timberwolves
- **Asst. Principals:** Chad Allen & Sommer Jones
- **School Principal:** Jason Johns

PASS Data:

The percentages below reflect students who have scored either met or above passing rate the year prior.

Grade	Math	Science/SS	ELA
6 th	89.9%	94.5%	92%
7 th	91.3%	88.2%	86.3%
8 th	92.3%	87.7%	79.1%

Year	Absolute	SC Ranking (Traditional Schools)	State/Improvement Rating	Federal Grade
2011/12	3.31	22 nd	Excellent/Excellent	B
2012/13	3.72	8 th	Excellent/Excellent	A
2013/14	3.97	3 rd	Excellent/Excellent	A

Additional Academic, Attendance, & Discipline Data:

- 61% of BTMS Students made the A or A/B Honor Roll
- Students Year-End Attendance Rate: 97.4%
- 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 MMGW practices. Please see http://www.sreb.org/page/1080/making_middle_grades_work.html.

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. Honors programs exist in Band, Chorus and ITE.

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

23 Enrichment 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 a huge variety of learning clubs to its students. Some clubs include the following: Step Club, Engineering Club, Strength and Conditioning Club, MathCounts, Science Olympiad, Board-Gaming Club, UFO Club, Step Team, Zoomba, Gardening Club, Current Events Club, School Newspaper, Broadcasting Club.

Broadcasting Club: School news program that broadcast and cover special school events and activities, teacher activities, and sporting events. Banks Trail is one of only a handful of middle schools to have this student opportunity.

MATHCOUNTS 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.



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

PowerPeriod Intervention: Throughout the year, students positioned to improve significantly in Math or ELA were selected by PASS scored for 45 minute small group remediation sessions four days a week.

YADA Divas: The YADA divas club serves as a mentoring group for young girls. This club promotes health and wellness, communication and organization skills, exercise, and volunteering.

Math digits Night: 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 very generous amount which was the 10th highest in SC.
- 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 51 Community Business Partners.
- BTMS Beta Club participated in the York County Homeless Drive.