



## Facilities

- Opened in August 2014
- Nine learning communities – three learning communities per floor
- Each learning community includes: two learning studios, a STEAM studio, a seminar room, a commons area, two small collaboration rooms, and a digital lab
- Each floor includes an additional lab and a prototype gallery
- A predominantly digital Media Center
- Exposed building areas for observational learning
- Fine Arts wing – band room, chorus room, ensemble room, piano lab, two practice rooms, and a Fine Arts commons area
- Gymnasium with a stage
- Indoor and outdoor amphitheaters
- Open courtyard
- Athletic Fields/Courts: Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball

### A Note from the SIC Chair:

Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School has reached state and national distinction in 2021-22! PJFMS applied for Horizon Schools to Watch status this year and were named a Schools to Watch school SCAMLE. This year we committed to restoring the family and community connection to our school and over the course of the year implemented a program called Birdwatchers which is designed to bring volunteers into the school that will assist students and staff in the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, and other learning spaces of Fisher. Fisher has continued its implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) by strengthening its reward system with its Fisher Feathers Store.

The Fisher Staff completed over a year's worth of work to make updates to the school's mission and vision to create language that truly depicts the school's efforts to challenge 21st Century learners and create learning experiences for our students.

We are all very proud of the Schools to Watch recognition that Fisher Middle earned as well as the awards earned by the students at PJFMS such Superior Rating in Chorus at Disney World, District Champions and District Runner-Up in Basketball, World Champion Qualifiers in VEX Robotics, & the Class 1 Palmetto Award for Yearbook.

As we continue to move ahead, our School Improvement Council will continue to build on our successes, continuing to create a unique and inspiring environment for our students.

--Mark Joseph

## SIC Report to the Parents 2021-22



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## School Improvement Council Members

Timm Artus, Community Partner  
 Kayte Elliott, PTSA President  
 Colin Blassengale, Parent  
 Angela Halpin, Parent  
 Shannon Sellars, Teacher  
 Mark Joseph, Parent  
 Carole King, Community Partner  
 Jack Long, Community Partner  
 Charlene Landry, Teacher  
 Faxton Isolda, Teacher  
 Julia Rossignol, Teacher  
 Kyle Pearson, Assistant Principal  
 Jeremie R. Smith, Principal

## Officers

Chairperson: Mark Joseph  
 Vice Chairperson: Colin Blassengale  
 Secretary: Angela Halpin



## School Profile 2020-21

### Student Enrollment

Year	Grade	Enrolled
2017-18	6, 7, 8	1036
2018-19	6, 7, 8	993
2019-20	6, 7, 8	1004
2020-21	6, 7, 8	970
2021-22	6, 7, 8	978

### Student Demographics

Male	56.0%
Female	44.0%
White	44.0%
African-American	36.0%
Hispanic	10.0%
Asian	3.0%
Other	7.0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	38.8%
Limited English Prof.	12.3%
Students with Disabilities	14.5%

### Faculty Profile

Administrators	4
Teachers	65
Guidance Counselor	4.5
Media Specialist	1
Support Staff	35



## School Features

- Science, Technology, Engineering, ARTS, Math (STEAM) focused curriculum
- Project-based learning instructional format
- Personalized learning initiative
- Related Arts Program: Art, Orchestra, Chorus, Band, Piano Keyboarding, Theatre, Broadcast Journalism, Robotics, Video Gaming, GTT, Art, Industrial Technology, Beginning Spanish, Guitar
- Gifted and Talented (GT) Program
- Advanced courses in Math and English Language Arts
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Active PTSA/SIC
- High School Credit Courses: Geometry, Algebra. I, Spanish I, Art I, English. I, Foundations of Computing
- South Carolina Association for Middle Level Education and National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform
- Horizon Schools to Watch