

# Congratulations Bulldog Nation!



- **Ms. Kristen Stevenson** (Math) named HEMMS Teacher of the Year!
- **31** of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders were recognized as Junior Scholars, this is the highest in the district.
- We had many teams represent at the **State National History Day** competition.
- We recognized a teacher of the month and a staff member of the month every month.
- We rewarded and recognized students of the month, ensuring that each teacher had an opportunity to highlight an amazing student.
- Our girls basketball team played for the Championship, but came in second in the league.



## Initiatives:

- School-wide free tutoring program both before and after school in math and reading.
- Continued with the campus-wide beautification initiative aiming to create a learning space we can be proud to call home!
- Recognition plan to recognize students and teachers in multiple ways.



## PTO

- Our PTO was involved across the board this year.
- They were present weekly on campus, delivering smiles and goodies to every single classroom, every single week.
- The PTO supports all functions of the school, ensuring that they are present at games, selling spirit wear, encouraging parents, and supporting the overall function of the school.

## SIC



- Reviewed and provided feedback on the 2020-2021 school budget.
- Assisted with the development of the Five-Year Plan.
- Met with school administrators and teachers in collaborative meetings to discuss topics such as school safety, community involvement and school performance.

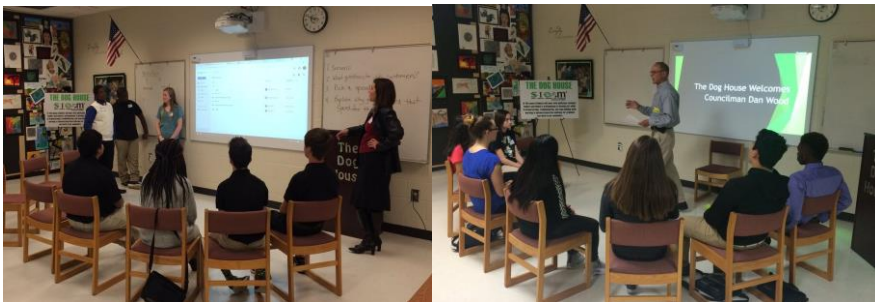
## H.E. McCracken's SIC Goals

### Goal 1: Work on Community Connections to Support Students

At HEMMS, we continued to encourage our community to be involved in the school. As we discuss different types of community involvement, we focused on ways we can support our students and their growing passions. Overall, we wanted to connect our students with the thriving Bluffton community.

While we continue to be active on social media through our Facebook posts, we also make sure we reach each and every household through a weekly e-mail from our principal with a Spanish translation outlining upcoming events and initiatives.

We encouraged a sense of community by inviting our parents, local businesses and community members to participate in our campus wide beautification initiative. Community members responded with ideas, donations, and their time to create a learning space that our students, staff, and neighborhood can be proud of.



H.E. McCracken Middle School



## H.E. McCracken Middle School's Mission, Vision, and Goals

### Mission

The H.E. McCracken Middle School mission is to build on the academic foundation of diverse learners and establish high expectations for contributing, independent, and collaborative members of an ever-increasing technologically driven society.

### Vision

The H.E. McCracken Middle School vision is to promote:

- High expectations for all learners
  - Critical thinking skills
- Authentic, real world applications
  - Literacy
- The strength of our diversity

### Arts Infused

The HEMMS Art Mission is to provide an authentic and complete education for diverse learning across all content areas through the universal language of the arts. This program helps students use their unique talents and skills to reach their artistic and technical goals through visual arts, drama, dance, music, and other forms of creative expression.

# Beaufort County School District Mission, Vision, and Goals

## Mission

The Beaufort County School District, through a personalized learning approach, will prepare graduates who compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

## Vision

We will work with families and our diverse community to ensure that students perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing and engaging.

## District Core Beliefs

We believe:

- Every student can learn using his or her valuable and unique talents and skills.
- Learning takes place when the physical, emotional, social and intellectual well-being of all students is assured at every level and during every transition.
- High expectations of the school community positively impact student success.
- Early childhood learning experiences form the foundation of future school success.
- Students learn best when they are engaged and provided with opportunities for problem solving and active participation.
- All students are entitled to learning experiences so that they can become competent and confident in the skills and knowledge needed to become successful and productive citizens.
- Investment, involvement and connection of all members of the school community are essential to a student's success.
- Frequent informal and formal assessment aligned to clearly defined learning objectives will provide improved student achievement.
- The collection, analysis and use of data from a variety of sources are critical to making decisions.
- Students should be prepared to compete and contribute in a changing global and multilingual society.

## H.E. McCracken's SIC Goals

### Goal 2: School Safety

Keeping our children safe is always a priority at H.E. McCracken Middle School. The SIC conducts an annual safety walk with an extensive tour of the building and grounds to identify any existing or potential safety concerns. We were able to implement small and inexpensive safety measures immediately, while notifying the district office of any capital improvement needs. We also are in the process of installing speed bumps and redirecting traffic patterns to ensure we are maintaining distance and reducing hallway traffic.

Dismissal time was identified as a primary concern for safety during the 2019-2020 school year, with walkers, car riders, bus riders and activities occurring at the same time. Principal Skirtich created series of changes to the dismissal process including specific car and foot traffic paths and increased supervision as well as a video for our parents to explain the changes and dramatically improve the safety of our students.



## School Improvement Council (SIC)

Purpose of this report: “This report is issued by the H. E. McCracken Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with the South Carolina Law to share information of the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC and other accomplishments during the school year.”

### Elected Members:

Buffy Wilborn Snider, Chair  
Dana Zendzian, Secretary  
Laura Jacobi

### Appointed Members:

Rebecca Berkley, Community Member  
Emily Rietveld, Teacher

### Ex-Officio Members:

Lindsey Skirtich, Principal

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at  
9:30 am

H.E. McCracken Middle School  
2019-2020  
School Improvement Council  
Annual Report to Parents



Lindsey Skirtich, Principal

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Ryan Milling, Assistant Principal

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# Whatever it Takes!

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