

Congratulations Bulldog Nation!



Awards:

- **Ms. Susan Ballard** was named South Carolina's Middle School Counselor of the year by Palmetto State School Counselor Association.
- 7th grader **MaKenzy Sluiter** Won the Emily Geiger Chapter of the DAR's American History Essay Contest.
- Vex Robotics team advanced to the **Palmetto State Vex Championship**.
- Two students were won the top prize at the **Sea Island Regional Science Fair**.
- Our Girls **Soccer and Softball teams** are the District Champs!
- **Gabby Shupard and Rebecca Han** placed 3rd at the State National History Day competition.



Initiatives:

- **Genius Village** – a dedicated, hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) lab space that acts as an extension of the learning environment.
- **The Dog House** – Invited professional and civic community members to work “think tank” style with our students in our unique collaborative space.



PTO

- Our PTO hosted over a dozen family and student events this school year (so far...)
- Assisted the school in serving pie to each and every student at 1:59 pm on Pi Day!
- Designed and sold T-shirts and sweatshirts for our **#bulldognation**.
- Combined fun, fitness, and fundraising with the 2nd Annual Color Run.

SIC



- Held Parent “Tech Night” in cooperation with our ESOL team to provide bilingual instruction on the uses of Google Classroom for our parents.
- Assisted with the development of the Five Year Plan.
- Conducted a safety inspection of the school grounds to identify any potential problems.
- Met with School Board members in collaborative meetings to discuss school safety and performance.

H.E. McCracken's SIC Goals

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

Goal 1: Increase Parent and Community Involvement



At HEMMS, we strive to be an active part of our community. To that end, we host several events to help bring everyone together. We held parent tech nights to teach our parents how to use the variety of apps, programs, and social media platforms we use to communicate information about our school and students.

While we continue to be active on social media through our Twitter updates and Facebook posts, this year we have furthered our communication to our parents and community with Facebook live. Our quarterly celebration of student achievement went live this year as we broadcast the perfect attendance and A&B Honor Roll awards on Facebook live. This allowed our parents to participate in their children's success without major interruption to their day.

We know our parents want to stay informed and involved, but also have commitments they must keep during the day. We will continue to seek out innovative technologies and ideas that keep us all connected in today's demanding world.



H.E. McCracken Middle School



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Mission

The H.E. McCracken Middle School mission is to build a rigorous academic and artistic foundation for diverse learners, and establish high expectations for independent collaborative members who contribute to an ever-increasingly creative and technology-driven society.

Vision

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

- High expectations for all learners
- Critical thinking skills and authentic, real world applications
- Literacy
- Our diversity as a strength
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

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.

Project Lead the Way

PLTW provides programs which encourage students to explore, create, and reach their full potential and prepares them for the global economy. Classroom settings inspire, develop, and attract talent essential to deliver innovative solutions for the Nation's current and future challenges.

Programs are designed to serve students of diverse backgrounds from those already interested in STEM-related fields to those who are more inspired by the application of STEM than they are by traditional mathematics and science courses.

Students develop critical thinking skills through hands-on project-based learning, preparing them to take on real-world challenges. Project-based courses engage students on multiple levels, expose them to areas of study that they typically do not pursue, and provide them with a foundation and proven path to college and career success.

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. This year's school safety discussions began with requests for refillable water stations to keep growing students hydrated throughout the school day and the best ways to encourage positive behavior with our PBIS programs.

On February 14, 2018, the horrors in Parkland, Florida changed everyone's understanding of school safety. We met with representatives from local law enforcement, resource officers, board members, principals and SIC chairs from across the district to discuss the strengths and shortcomings in all our schools. We were able to implement small and inexpensive safety measures immediately, while making plans for infrastructure changes to come.



School Improvement Council (SIC)

Purpose of this report: "This report is issued by the 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:

Michel Claudio, Chair	Annette Gabbard, Co-Chair
Tricia Campbell, Parent	Kelly McMahan, Parent
Emily Dover, Parent	Karen Mullins, Parent
Cynthia Lazier, Parent	Dawn Sumner, Parent
Tara Wallace, Parent	Chrissy Zito, Parent
Suzanne Torgerson, Teacher	Mythianne Shelton, Teacher

Appointed Members:

Jamie Harrison, Community Member
Carlos Araujo, Community Member
Blakely Ferry, Community Member
Jaime Marcotte, Community Member
Ivan Yunga, Community Member

Ex-Officio Members:

Jerry Henderson, Principal
Pamela Maddox, Vice Principal

Join us on the last Monday of each month at
7:00pm in the Media Center

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