

Report to the Parents 2022-2023

Catawba Ridge High School SIC

Be The Why

The Catawba Ridge School faculty and staff set high expectations for all students in academics, the arts, athletics, character, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. This school year the faculty and staff continued to grow the #BeTheWhy culture by creating opportunities for students to be selected as Students of the Month. These students are voted on by each department and embody the culture of #doright with positive attitudes, kindness and citizenship. The students receive a shirt that says, "I Am The Why," a certificate and free entry into athletic events for that month.



Excellence in Academics

Whether preparing for college, service in the military or the workforce, Catawba Ridge provides students with the education they need to pursue their future goals. College readiness curriculum, vocational education opportunities, and military experience are all available for

a personnel inspection by Navy Captain McKemey (Ret.) and performed for students, staff, parents and district representatives as part of their Annual Military Inspection. The Cadets were ALL IN! as they showcased their skills and talents.

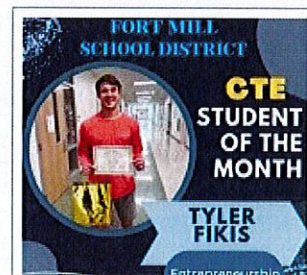
National Merit Scholar

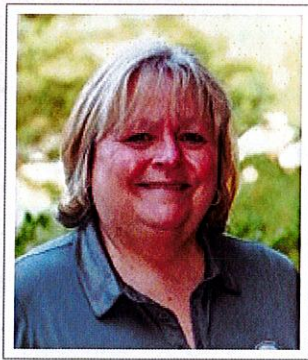
Congratulations to Jessica Bunge, Annie Liu, and Liam Nicoll our finalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

High School students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT as a Junior. The selection of some 7,500 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of more than 15,000 Finalists is now in progress. In March, NMSC will begin notifying scholarship winners. **Please join us in celebrating these students in this very prestigious competition!**



Excellence in CTE





CRHS Teacher of the Year

Yvette Senesi



CRHS Support Staff of the Year

Angela King

Excellence in Athletics

CRHS had an excellent year on the field and on the court.

Football- 12-2 record. 3rd round of the SCHSL playoffs. Set the record for most wins (12) by a football team in FM history.

XC- Region Runner up

Girls Tennis- Region Runner up

Swim- Boys and Girls Region Champs

VB- Region Champs, 3rd round for SCHSL Playoffs

Girls Golf- Region Champs- Finished 5th in SCHSL State Finals

Competitive Cheer- Region Champs, Upper State Champs, SCHSL State Runner up

Boys Basketball- Region Champs, 26 wins set school record, 3rd round of SCHSL Playoffs

Girls Basketball- Region Champs, 20+ wins back-to-back seasons.

Wrestling- Region Champs, 3rd round of SCHSL Playoffs

Baseball- Region Champs, Upper State Champs, State 4A Champs

Softball- Region Champs, Upper State Champs, State 4A Champs

Boys Tennis- State Playoff Qualifier

Boys Golf- Upper State Qualifier

Boys Soccer- Region Champs, 3rd Round of the SCHSL Playoffs

Girls Soccer- Region Champs, 3rd Round of State Playoffs

Track and Field- Region Runner up

Boys Lacrosse- State Playoff Qualifier

Girls Lacrosse- State Playoff Qualifier

20 Varsity Sports-

14 Region Championships

3 Upper State Championships

1 State Championship Runner Up (Cheer)

2 State Championships (Softball and Baseball)



was the program's first regional championship, only one of six schools from South Carolina in the 45-year history of Bands of America to ever achieve this honor. The marching band won the South Carolina 4A State Marching Band Championship, making it back-to-back state championships. Finally, the marching band competed in its first ever Band of America Grand National Championship at Lucas Oil Field in Indianapolis, IN.

- The CR concert band, comprised mostly of Freshman, received a superior rating with distinction at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCDBA) Concert Performance Assessment. The CR Wind Symphony, the top concert ensemble, also received a superior rating with distinction, the highest award given by the SCBDA, at their Concert Performance Assessment in mid-March.
- In October the CR Band was invited to perform for the 2024 London's New Year's Day Parade.

The CR Band also had record setting indoor seasons.

- The CR Colorguard competed at their first ever Winter Guard International World Championships (WGI) in Dayton, OH.
- The CR Concert Percussion Ensemble won a CWEA Gold medal in World Class and placed 2nd at the WGI Percussion World Championships held in Dayton, Ohio in late April.

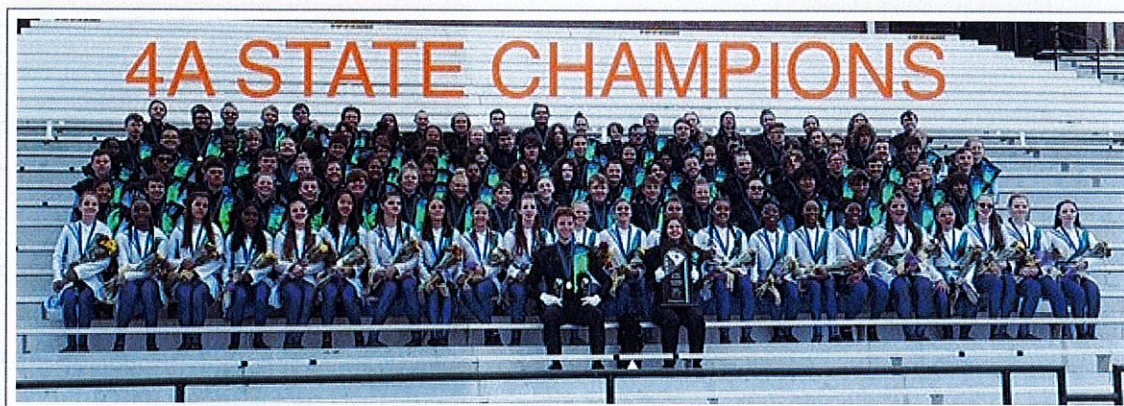
Individually, the Catawba Ridge band had a record setting year with 34 students making All-Region Band, and 6 making All-State Band.

The CR Band also held several community blood drives, is hosting our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament, and hosted a marching band competition and two indoor competitions.

THEATER and CHORALE

The Choral Program produced two shows this year: a winter concert in collaboration with Forest Creek Middle School, and *Elf The Musical*.

The Catawba Ridge Repertory Theatre had a massive production season. Everyone was so ready to be able to have an audience this year! In the winter, CRHS senior, Kylie Booth directed *All I Ever Needed to know I Learned from Being in a Bad Murder Mystery*. In December, we performed *Elf the Musical*. Additionally, students in Theatre 2 and Dual Credit Theatre performed class plays titled *Rabbit Hole*. Lastly, in April students performed *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Additionally, in February the Theater department performed *The 146 Point Flame* and took 1st place in the state competition.



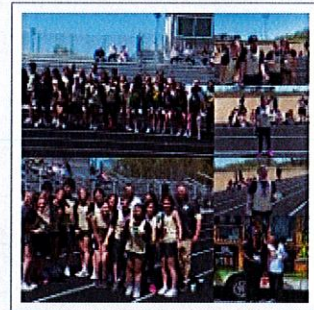
On to the state championships
next weekend!



packages for local first responders, a book drive for the Historic Paradise Foundation, and monetary donations for Special Olympics through our Ice Bucket Challenge.

Building Community:

- Senior Special Events
- Student Council: Spirit Week & Traditions Tuesdays
- Ridge Fridays
- Fun Food Fridays
- #BeTheWhy
- The Ridgies Academic Awards Show
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Black History Month
- Disability Awareness Month
- Polar Plunge for Special Olympics
- Miss CR Pageant
- Community Blood Drives
- Coat Drive and Community Volunteers sponsored by Athletics Teams
- HBCU Fall Fair
- Golden Gala



Club Rush

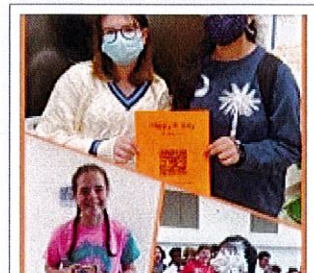
Students were able to find out more about clubs that fit their interests during a Virtual Club Rush.

Model UN

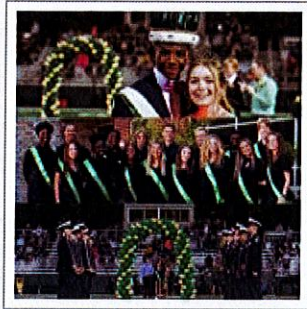
The Model United Nations (UN) team placed second overall (The Secretariat Award) at Winthrop University. Kayla Southwood won an individual award (Distinguished Delegate) for her role as Palestine in the Security Council.

2nd Annual Club Unified Track Meet

Catawba Ridge hosted our first ever Unified Track Meet vs North Central High School. Unified track and field is an opportunity for athletes with and without disabilities participate and compete in various track events.



Excellence in Building Our Culture



Homecoming King & Queen

Homecoming Queen, Hannah Watts and King, Trio Belton!



Polar Plunge

Our grand total: almost **\$9,000**, well over our goal of \$4K. 50% of all funds raised go directly back to CRHS Special Olympics. **OUTSTANDING!**



Staff Lunch

CRHS Faculty & Staff celebrating the holidays in style.



Holiday Spirit Week

Faculty/Staff & students celebrated Holiday Spirit Week with dress up days, prizes and treats!



Spirit Week

Students and adults always enjoy the Spirit Week with the dress up days and events!



Teacher Appreciation

CRHS administrators with the snack cart to spoil the teachers during teacher appreciation week.

About the CRHS School Improvement Council (SIC)

The School Improvement Council of Catawba Ridge High School is a group of educational stakeholders that promote and support academic achievement and civic engagement at Catawba Ridge High School. This group of students, parents, teachers, and community members facilitates meaningful parent and community involvement at Catawba Ridge High School. The SIC meets monthly to discuss ways to support academic, athletic, fine art, and student body events. Also, they review policies and set annual goals aimed at targeting areas

About Fort Mill and Catawba Ridge High School

Fort Mill

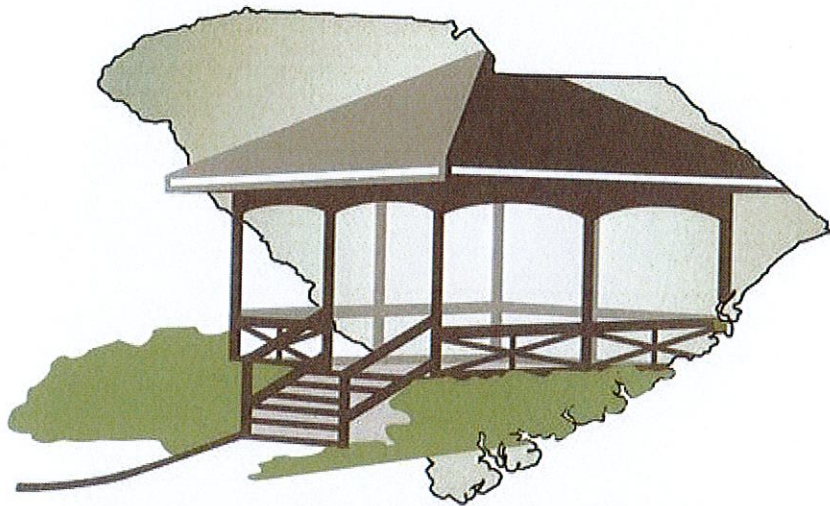
The town of Fort Mill, South Carolina is located just south of the North Carolina state line. Nearly 20,000 people live inside the Fort Mill corporate limits with a total of nearly 50,000 people residing within the entire township. The Township of Fort Mill currently supports three high schools with a Catawba Ridge High School opening in the fall of 2019.

Catawba Ridge High School

The faculty of Catawba Ridge High School consists of teachers, one principal, four assistant principals, four school counselors, a media specialist, and numerous facilities and faculty support staff.

More than 200 course selections are offered, including Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Preparatory courses.

Catawba Ridge High School has more than 40 co-curricular activities and 22 athletic teams.



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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Catawba Ridge High School, School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

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