

Report to the Parents 2019-2020

Catawba Ridge High School SIC

Opening of Catawba Ridge High School

Though our year was shortened due to Covid-19, this did not stop the Copperheads from excelling this first year in existence. #OneCR is a simple way to begin our collective vision for Catawba Ridge High School. #OneCR encompasses our desire to create an inclusive, engaging, and thriving learning community where student development is the center of our mission. Communication is a key component to help us realize our vision and mission.

2020 School Year Finale



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 students to explore.

Our end of year Awards and Recognition Program, "The Ridgies", pivoted to a video presentation format due to Covid. We honored over 75 deserving students with awards for

academics, character, and leadership.



Beta Club



National Merit Semifinalists

- Lauren Finch
- Caroline Heins
- Nathan Ruben



The Ridgies Academic Awards Show

2020 Ridgie Awards





Food Truck Friday

Family & Consumer Science students hosted Food Truck Friday, where they showcased their Food Truck concepts.



PPE in HS

Health Science students practiced infection control techniques and are showed off their PPE, Personal Protective Equipment.



Main St. Merch'

Our Digital Art & Design Studio and Engineering Lab produced many creative designs and products.

Excellence in our Building

Our Faculty & Staff are the heart of our school. With over just over 100 staff members in 2019-20, we served over 1,000 students by year's end. Each year in February, we vote on and honor a Teacher of the Year and Support Staff person on the Year. This past year, Ms. Nicole LaFave advanced to Honor Role Teacher and went on to win FMSD Teacher of the Year.



**Nicole LaFave –
CRHS Teacher of
the Year**



**Nicole LaFave –
FMSD District
Teacher of the
Year**

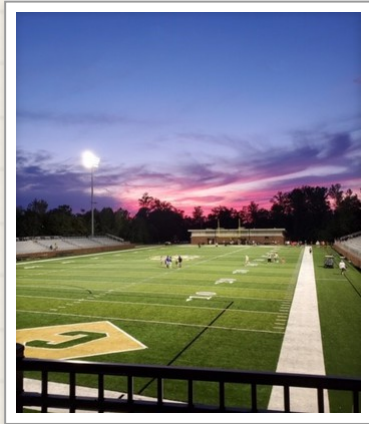


**Amy Salisbury –
CRHS Support
Staff of the Year**

Excellence in Athletics

This year, approximately 250 of our students (or almost a quarter of our student population) participated in athletics at Catawba Ridge High School. The school claimed 4 region

championships in girls swim, boys swim, girls golf and girls cross country. A total of 4 teams participated in state playoffs. Girls Tennis finished 3rd in the region and made the state playoffs. Volleyball finished 3rd in the region and are credited with the 1st ever playoff win for a team in school history. Out of 20 teams, the CRHS Girls XC team finished 3rd in state.



**Friday Night
Lights**



Cheer at State



**XC State
Qualifiers**

Excellence in Performing & Visual Arts

CRHS Band

With an enrollment of 76 members, the Catawba Ridge High School band won Grand Championships at the Roundtable Tournament of Bands in Lincolnton, NC, the Wildcat Invitational Tournament in Gastonia, NC and won the South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AA Upper State Championship. In addition, the band was named a finalist to the state championships and finished fourth with no senior class. The band had 20 students selected by competitive audition to the South Carolina Region Three Honor Band, 3 students selected to the South Carolina All-State Band and 1 student selected to the South Carolina All-State Orchestra. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the band's competitive year came to an end as the band was preparing for the state Concert Performance Assessment, Solo & Ensemble Assessments, Winter Guard championships and Winter Percussion championships.

CRHS Chorale

Five students from the Catawba Ridge Chorale auditioned and were accepted to the 2020 SC All State Choirs and the 2020 SC Choral Directors Association Honor Choirs. Students performed four concerts, including one with the University of South Carolina Concert Choir.

CRHS Performing Arts

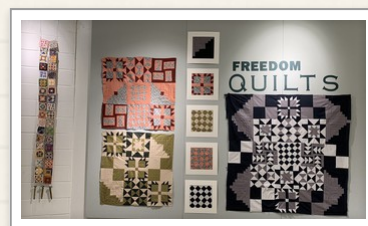
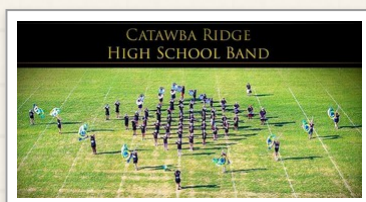
Our Theater group hosted Copperhead Showcase Open Mic Night in the Fall and Winter One Acts in January.

CRHS Visual Arts

The Catawba Ridge Visual Arts Program was actively involved in collaboration, community service, and cultivating a vibrant school culture. The visual arts courses partnered with various

content areas to complete interdisciplinary units of study. Some of those projects include – Indigo Lab with Physical Science, Data Visualization with Data Analysis, Black Out Poetry with English 2, and Chemical Reactions with Physical Science. Through projects like Beautiful Hands and Little Owl’s Snow – students engaged in service learning units partnering with the CRHS 4K program and Riverview Elementary Kindergarteners. The Catawba Ridge Art Gallery boasted over 6 gallery shows and artwork was sent to 6 community art exhibitions. (Arts Council of York County, Loom Co-Working, Wells Fargo, Discovery Education Headquarters, Olive’s Mud Puddle, ect). Other Honors:

- Meliah Hipp won 2nd Place at the York County High School Art Competition.
- Gracie Butts was awarded an Honorable Mention in the 5th District Congressional Art Competition.
- National Art Honor Society and Art Club who met twice a month. Both clubs used their talents to donate ornaments and other artistic projects to Give Hope Global and FMSD Teacher Forum.



Beautiful Hands

This project was inspired by the book Beautiful Hands by Kathryn Otoshi and Bret Bumgarten. Riverview Elementary Kindergarteners (135 students in all) visited Catawba Ridge High School to paint their own 8x10 canvas and to collaborate on several other projects. With the aid of Early Childhood, Drawing 1, Painting/Sculpture, and PE students - Kindergarten students used their beautiful hands to create a vibrant work of art.

CRHS Band Awards

- Grand Championship at the Roundtable Tournament of Bands in Lincolnton, NC,
- Grand Championship at the Wildcat Invitational Tournament in Gastonia, NC
- South Carolina Band Directors Association Class AA Upper State Championship

The Freedom Quilt Project

A collaboration between Drawing 1 and Ceramics students at CRHS. Students researched the history and origins of Freedom Quilts. Artistically, students selected color combinations, followed complex pattern instructions and implemented new artistic processes. Looking at the blocks pieced together by a volunteer, we see the impact of working as a community or collective group.

Excellence in Organizations, Activities & Community

Catawba Ridge News:

Though Catawba Ridge News was primarily staffed with students new to TV Production and took on an ambitious morning daily news format, CRN still earned several state and regional awards including an All-Southern rating and was nationally recognized by the Scholastic Journalism Association for their outstanding continuing coverage of the coronavirus after the shutdown. In addition to the daily morning show, CopperHEADSUp!, CRN provided leading edge reporting on important school and community events, as well as entertaining features throughout the school year, and during our hiatus during the pandemic. Example of such excellence in reporting may be viewed at the Catawba Ridge News channel on YouTube.

NNDCC:

OurNavy National Defense Cadet Corp (NNDCC) received the UNIT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD from the Navy for being recognized as one of the top units in the country. Other achievements:

- Finished in the top 15% on National Academic Exam among over 1700 teams that competed.
- Won the Knockout Drill Champion at the Cougar Invitational(Over 240 cadets participated).
- Qualified for Area 6 Drill, Personnel Inspection, Academic and PT Championships. Huge accomplishment as the Corps of Cadets beat out many established units in Area 6.

Clubs:

Clubs as diverse as our population. CRHS offers almost 40 Clubs for every interest and passion. A complete list of clubs is listed on our webpage, including Diversity Club, Walk for Water, FCCLA, Sewing Club, Yearbook, Writer's Club, and Copperhead Cookie Club through Special Services.

Social Responsibility:

- FCCLA Food Drive:
- Copperheads Care: Donations for the Guidance Dept. Copperhead Care Hat, Gloves, Scarves & Socks Drive to keep our Copperheads warm this winter
- Holiday Toy Drive
- Athletes supporting our Jr. Copperheads: Car rider line support at DBES.

Building Community:

- Kevin Atlas and the #BelieveInYouChallenge
- Dude! Be Nice!
- Student Council: Spirit Week & Traditions Tuesdays
- Ridge Fridays
- The Ridgies Academic Awards Show

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Club Rush

MONDAY, 10/7 DECADES DAY 9TH: 90'S 10TH: 70'S 11TH: 80'S LUNCH GAME: WATER BALLOONS	TUESDAY, 10/8 SPACE DAY LUNCH GAME: TOILET PAPER PRESS COMPETITION AFTERSCHOOL: VOLLEYBALL, GYM (OUT) AND TENNIS	WEDNESDAY, 10/9 FOOD DAY LUNCH GAME: PIE EATING COMPETITION AFTERSCHOOL: POWDERPUFF
CRHS SPIRIT WEEK		
THURSDAY, 10/10 CHARACTER DAY LUNCH GAME: BOUNCY BALL OBSTACLE COURSE AFTERSCHOOL: TIE DYE T-SHIRTS FOR GAME	FRIDAY, 10/11 SPIRIT DAY LUNCH GAME: RIDGE OFF AFTERSCHOOL: HOME VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME	SATURDAY, 10/12 HOMECOMING DANCE 8-11 PM 

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CRHS Sews



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spirit week montage2019



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 of need specific to the students of Catawba Ridge High School.

This year, the SIC focused on the following areas: building a strong, positive culture for the first school year, dress code policy and developing standards for CReW (time allotted for students to assist help in their courses and student development programs).

A main goal for the school year was to create an appropriate dress code that is consistent from school to school. This approach was a multi-tiered effort by first allowing the SIC representatives to give information/opinions for the principal to relay to the district administration, presentation of a new dress code policy followed by a survey sent out by FMSD to all parents, revisions to policy and then a final draft was presented to the Board of Trustees and approved.

SIC MEMBERS 2019-20

Elected Members

	Last Name	First Name	Title
1.	Baum	Sydney	Student
2.	Bell	Gina	Parent
3.	Belton	Montrio	Parent (Chair)
4.	Bray	Grayson	Student
5.	Gaskins	Nicole	Parent
6.	Kennedy	Santana	Teacher
7.	McCart	Sara	Parent
8.	Morgan	Patricia	Teacher
9.	Shrader	Alice	Teacher
10.	Strandberg	Parker	Student

Appointed Members

	Last Name	First Name	Title
1.	Hill	Kristie	Community Member
2.	House	Brantley	Community Member
3.	Robbins	Kim	Community Member
4.	Schwartz	Jay	Community Member
5.	Stover	Hannah	Community Member

Ex-officio Members

	Last Name	First Name	Title
1.	Christopher	Martin	Principal
2.	McQuay	Emily	Assistant Principal

The Mission & Beliefs of Catawba Ridge High School

Catawba Ridge High School's mission is to unleash the talent of each student to become college and career ready and reach the heights of their potential.

Beliefs

We believe each student possesses the ability to learn.

We believe each student deserves a safe and supportive learning environment.

We believe communication among parents, faculty, staff, students and members of the community is essential and all are responsible for student success.

We believe each student can maximize learning through career-based educational opportunities integrated with business, government, and the community at large.

We believe in providing students with a relevant, challenging program of study.

We believe it is essential to use student achievement data and program evaluations to ensure continuous improvement.

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.

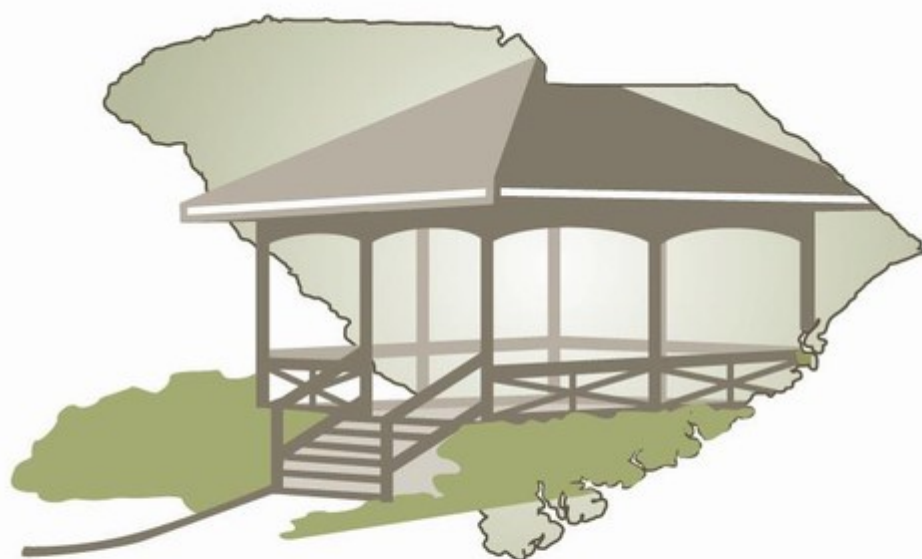
Nearly 18,000 people live inside the Fort Mill corporate limits with a total of nearly 50,000 people residing within the entire township. The Township of Fort Mill currently supports three high schools with a Catawba Ridge High School opening in the fall of 2019.

Catawba Ridge High School

The faculty of Catawba Ridge High School consists of teachers, one principal, three 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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