

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

OUR SIC REPORT TO PARENTS 2021-2022



Forest Creek Middle School

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Sixth Middle School for the Fort Mill School District

Forest Creek Middle School opened its doors to students on August 16, 2021.

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Vision, Motto, Beliefs, and Family Norms

Vision

Forest Creek Middle School will provide excellent instruction founded on a growth mindset, adaptability, and innovation.

Motto

At Forest Creek Middle School, we: **F**ocus on a growth mindset, **C**ommit to excellence, **M**ake meaningful connections, and **S**ucceed together.

Beliefs

- Positive relationships are vital to the success of our school.
- Instructional excellence must be the focus of every day.
- All people are capable of learning something every day when presented with the opportunity to do so paired with the expectations that they can.
- School must be a safe place to learn. All people must feel safe academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.
- All students must have access to a challenging curriculum and staff must have access to professional development and growth opportunities.
- Collaboration is essential and drives achievement.

- All voices matter.

FAMILY NORMS

As a PACK we will be...

Present, prepared, and purposeful

Actively engaged in intentional relationship building

Collaborative and open to ideas different from our own

Kind in how we treat and speak to each other



Current Enrollment (April 28, 2022) = 707 students

Grade 6 = 239 with 10 General Education Homeroom Sections

Grade 7 = 252 with 10 General Education Homeroom Sections

Grade 8 = 216 with 10 General Education Homeroom Sections

SIC Members

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Principal / Science/Special Education/Guidance

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Community Member / Real Estate



SIC Goals

As an SIC we will...

Participate in developing our SIP (School Improvement Plan)

Analyze data related to the SIP and assist in creating our action plan

Contribute to activities and events designed to improve our school

Keep our community positively informed of our improvement efforts



Our Focus Areas and Strategies

Student Achievement, Including Sub-groups:

Spring 2021 SC Ready ELA Reading Assessments provided baseline student achievement data for our students in grades 6-8. In grades 6-8, the number of female students who performed at the proficient level was 72.7.0% compared to 61.6% of our male students. Goal Area 2 performance goals for 2025-2026 are to decrease the percentage of students who do not score at the proficiency level by 1 percent each year. Strategies include creating specific intervention groups for males, utilizing STEAM lessons in ELA classes, creating a male focus group to discuss barriers to reading, incorporating high male interest books into literature circles, and inviting a male guest speaker who is a champion of reading to present at a school wide literacy celebration.

Teaching/Administrator Quality:

SCDE Teacher Survey overall data for the district indicated that 93.6% of our teachers were satisfied with working conditions. We are a new school so we do not have baseline data specific to FCMS. Goal Area 1 performance goals for 2025-2026 are to increase teacher satisfaction related to working conditions by 1 percent each year. Strategies include creating opportunities for Collaborative Colleague visits, implementing Workshop Wednesdays for in house PD based on staff needs, modifying our current Club schedule to create a more structured day, asking our PTO to provide funding for PD for staff who apply, and continuing to offer coverage in house for partial leaves of absence.

School Climate:

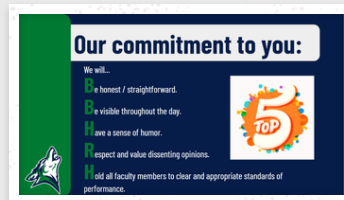
SCDE Teacher, Parent, and Student Survey overall data for district indicated that 95.3% of our teachers are satisfied with the social and physical environment in their school, along with 80.2% of parents, and 63.5% of students. We are a new school so we do not have baseline data specific to FCMS. Goal Area 3 performance goals for 2025-2026 are to increase this satisfaction as follows: teachers from 95.3% to 98% over the five years / parents from 80.2%

to 90.2%, and students from 63.5% to 78.5%. Strategies include updating our cell phone policy to eliminate distractions during the school day by requiring students to place cell phones in their lockers, implementing activities that celebrate all students and their cultures, restructure duties to provide greater visibility and supervision of students, and develop and implement quieter hallway habits.



Our First Support Staff Member of the Year

Mr. Johnathan Wall is our in school suspension coordinator and 8th grade girls basketball coach.



School Climate

We surveyed our staff during our first teacher workdays regarding what they wanted from their admin team. These are our 5 commitments to our staff as a result of that survey.



Our First Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Melissa Grupp is our literacy specialist.

Bragging Rights and Other Highlights

- We launched our leadership building club called Coyote Crew! This provides students with an opportunity to learn leadership skills.
- Yote Yips is a positive note activity that was started to encourage students as they make great choices in school!
- Ellen Oh (Korean American author, co-founder, and president of the non-profit We Need Diverse Books) was the featured presenter for our Literacy Day. This was also our 1st school wide assembly!
- We hosted our first 7th Grade Career Fair.
- We have three students (two 8th grade girls and one 7th grade boy) going to the National Robotics and World Robotics competitions in April and May - Team Red Phoenix (all organized by themselves)!
- MathCounts is our Math Team sponsored by one of our parent volunteers, Mr. Steve Sibley. Our MathCounts Team finished the season strong.
- Academic Challenge Team: We had an overabundance of interest. Our team performed well in the regional competition!
- PTO Fundraiser-We raised over \$25,000 via the Step-It Up Program and celebrated with all of our students on our Day of Awesomeness!

- Beta Club induction took place in February. They have aided the community by making donations to the Humane Society.
- We held quarterly celebrations for the students to foster a school environment of community, encouragement, teamwork, and commitment to goals.
- We hosted cultural diversity and implicit bias training for our staff.
- FCMS will host a Summer School Program this year!
- To provide more opportunities for our students to lead, our Student Council President and Vice-President are empowered and allowed to inform our students of what's happening at FCMS during the morning announcements.
- Having fun is essential, and therefore we instituted Student "Fun Friday Jokes". Every Friday, a joke is posted for the students and families to enjoy. We had over 200 jokes submitted!
- To encourage the students to celebrate each other, their peers selected Student of the Month. In addition, monthly Students of Character are also selected and recognized!
- Every month, nominations are made to celebrate a star teacher!
- School Pride was encouraged by selecting our first school mascot! Her name is "Yotey!"
- We offer several sports at FCMS, including basketball, soccer, track, cheerleading, volleyball, baseball, and football! Our 8th-grade boys' basketball team made it to the championship game! We hosted the game and had over 700 spectators. Our baseball and track teams are headed to the final playoffs!
- We have launched our Classroom Ambassador program – increasing soft and social skills.
- The Coyote Clubs launch took place in February! We have over 25 different Coyote Clubs.
- We hosted a Zoom SS St. Louis Virtual Event - teaching the importance of tolerance and kindness to all. Along with two other middle schools, our students got an opportunity to interact with survivors of the SS St. Louis. These individuals were refugees as children who fled Nazi persecution.
- Our students did an excellent job performing in our first production, The Little Mermaid, Jr.! Our very own Art students created the beautiful set!
- The Band performed at CPA and received a SUPERIOR rating! Our Band also received an opportunity to perform with Catawba Ridge High School Band in the stands during a football game.
- To help our students continue nurturing their love for reading, we celebrated Read Across America Week with different themes each day.
- Our Honor Chorus was selected to perform the National Anthem at a Charlotte Knights Baseball game in May.
- In York County, our Battle of the Books Team ranks in 4th Place.

Honor Roll Stats (#students achieving A and A/B Honor Roll:)

Q1 = 452

Q2 = 448

Q3 = 446

School Library Month Bookmark Design Contest Winners

FCMS 2022 School Library Month Bookmark Design Contest



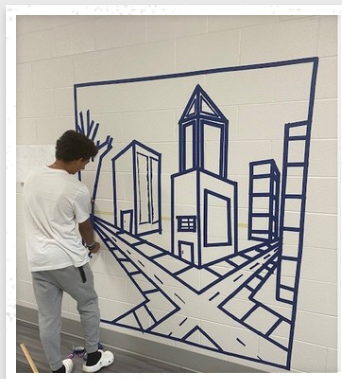
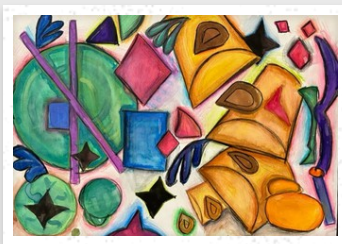
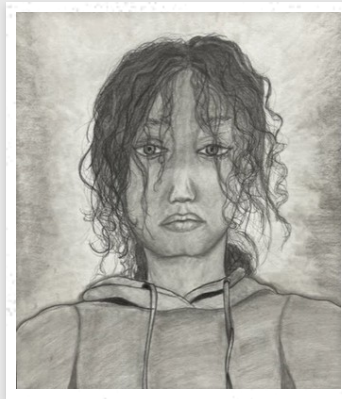
Congratulations to our winner and honorable mentions!

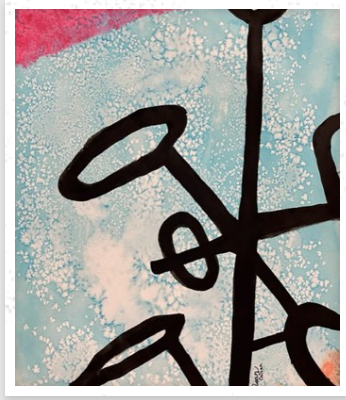
Stop by the library to pick up your copy.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a design! ☺



Student Art Showcase





This report is issued by the Forest Creek Middle 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.

