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Paul Knox Middle School

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2016-2017 School Improvement Council Report to Parents

2016-2017 General Information:

School Population – 670 students with a student attendance rate of 96%.

Mrs. **Vilena Hunt** (8th grade science teacher) was selected as our 2016-17 teacher of the year.

Achievement and Recognition:

- Our **Future City** team finished second in the Georgia-South Carolina Regional competition held at USC-Aiken.
- Our **Academic Team** completed the season with a 12-0 record and won their 3rd straight county championship.
- **211 new students qualified** for the Beta Club, with a total school-wide membership of **384** students.
- **36 7th** grade students qualified to be DUKE TIP recipients.
- **16 8th** grade students are recognized as South Carolina Junior Scholars.
- **12** students selected for the Regional Band.
- **38** students were selected to the All-County Band.
- **36** superior ratings were earned at Solo and Ensemble, the most among any high school or middle school in Aiken County.
The concert band earned a superior rating at the USC-Aiken Concert Festival.
1 student was selected to the Governors' School Summer Music Program
- **3** students selected as a to the SC Middle School All-state Band audition.
- Our band won the prestigious "Outstanding Performance Award" given to top performing middle school bands in SC.
- **99%** of our 8th graders passed the Algebra 1 and English 1 End of Course exams.
- **16** students selected to the all-county chorus
- Our 32 member orchestra performed at the Aiken County Orchestra Festival.
- Our concert band received "Superior" rating at the SCBDA concert festival in Charleston, SC
- Our concert band received the "Outstanding Performance Award" from the South Carolina Band Directors Association.

Student Club Information:

- Our Beta Club participated in several service projects including "Project Greenway" and the Sterling House Christmas.
- Student Council members sponsored "It's spooky to be hungry" food drive and collected over 10 canisters of food.
- Student Council members also sponsored 8th grade dance.

Athletics:

- Our football team completed the season with a 4-3 record and won the city championship.
- Our volleyball team completed the season with a record of 10-3 and advanced to the county championships.
- Our girls' basketball team completed the season with a 9-5 record.
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- Our golf team finished the season with a record of 9-1 and won the city, division, and county championships.
- Our cheerleaders competed in the College of Charleston summer competition and finished 2nd in middle level competition.

Guidance & Career Counseling Department:

- Conducted classroom guidance sessions on student success, test-taking strategies, and study skills.
- Sponsored "Right Choices" workshops with Devon Harris of Full Refuge Circle Ministries.
- Sponsored the 6th grade Transition Fair for our rising 6th graders.
- Completed Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) on 100% of the 8th grade students.
- Sponsored "IGP Awareness Night" at the school for 8th graders and their parents.
- Kimberly Clark conducted the choices program for all 8th graders.

PTO News:

- Provided monthly breakfast/lunch for the faculty and staff.
- Purchased faculty and staff t-shirts.
- Continues to assist our faculty with additional monies to help purchase school items throughout the year.
- Sponsored student dances, spirit nights and
- Spearheaded fund raising efforts to afford our school to provide additional resources for the school

School Renewal Plan:

Paul Knox Middle School completed the Five-year School Renewal Plan for the 2013-2018 school years..

The School Renewal Plan is a collaborative effort, involved the following stakeholders:

faculty and staff, parents, community members, School Improvement Council, and PTA representatives.

The purpose of the renewal plan is to:

- Evaluate the school's adherence to the standards
- Review school test results for the purpose of implementing improvement strategies
- Provide high quality feedback with clear attainable goals and objectives

Please Join Us In Improving Our School

A school cannot reach its full potential without the support of its parents, friends and community. Please contact a member of the School Improvement Council (SIC) or **Paul Knox Middle School** at **803-442-6300** to find out how you can help.

School Improvement Council (SIC)

Our SIC generally meets the 3rd Friday of each month during the school year at 9 AM. Visitors are always welcome!

2016-2017SIC Members:

Holly Prickett, Chairperson and Parent
Deana Burch, Parent
Michelle Stevens, Parent
Lynn Fleming, Community Member
Larry White, Community Member

Kyle Smith, Principal
BR Smith, Teacher and Asst. Principal
Laura Lusk, Teacher
Vilena Hunt, Teacher
John Bush, Teacher