

Our Mission

The mission of Calhoun County Public Schools, in unity with parents and community, is to provide an environment conducive to learning that challenges all students to reach their maximum potential for success in a rapidly changing global society.

St. Matthews K-8 2016 - 2017 Initiatives:

- ◇ **All teachers will consider various instructional approaches as a pathway towards blended learning.**
 1. **Flipped Classroom**
 2. **Project -Based Learning**
 3. **Technology -Based Instruction**
- ◇ **Implement ninety minutes of uninterrupted reading instruction in grades K-8.**
 1. **Professional development for small group instruction**
 2. **Build up classroom libraries**

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Accelerated Reading
- ◆ Accelerated Math
- ◆ Middle School Chorus
- ◆ Band and Honor Band
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ Morning News Teams
- ◆ Character Student of the Month
- ◆ After-School Enrichment
- ◆ Gifted & Talented Program
- ◆ Montessori Program
- ◆ Black History Month Celebration
- ◆ Veterans' Day Recognition
- ◆ Harvest Carnival
- ◆ Tutorials
- ◆ ThinkLink
- ◆ Study Island
- ◆ AIMS Web
- ◆ First In Math
- ◆ Empower 3000
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ Athletic Program
- ◆ Star & Superstar Readers
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Sons Of Solomon Boys Club
- ◆ Read Across America
- ◆ National Library Week
- ◆ College Tours
- ◆ Walk to School
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ High School Computer Course
- ◆ DARE
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ Science Fest
- ◆ R.I.D.D.E
- ◆ Academic Night
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Month
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Geek Fest
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Career on Wheels
- ◆ Advisement
- ◆ Brain Pop
- ◆ Book Character Costume Day
- ◆ Far Above Rubies
- ◆ Discovery Education
- ◆ Author's Visits
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ Flag Detail
- ◆ Cyber Bullying Workshops
- ◆ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◆ Algebra I
- ◆ English I
- ◆ Project GEAR UP
- ◆ Literacy Coach Grant
- ◆ Bullying Workshop
- ◆ Gateway to Technology

OUR VISION

We envision a school district where everyone works harmoniously in a safe and caring environment to help all students reach their maximum potential.



OUR BELIEFS

We believe...

- ◆ **in establishing and maintaining high expectations for all students.**
- ◆ **every student can learn and be successful.**
- ◆ **every student is responsible for his/her choices and actions.**
- ◆ **in providing challenging and rigorous experiences to develop confident and competent students.**
- ◆ **in fostering cooperation and collaboration to promote engaging learning experiences.**
- ◆ **in an environment that appreciates and encourages diversity.**
- ◆ **change provides opportunity for growth.**

Calhoun County School Board Members

Gary Porth, **Chair**
Kevin Jenkins, **Vice Chair**
Sandra Tucker, **Secretary**
Debra Fredrick
Ned Nelson

Leading With Courage



ONE DREAM, ONE TEAM

Our School

Currently, 648 students are enrolled.
Community Outreach

- ◇ March of Dimes
- ◇ Relay for Life
- ◇ Canned Food Drive
- ◇ Adopt a Family at Christmas
- ◇ Veterans' Day Appreciation
- ◇ St. Jude's Research Hospital Fund Drive
- ◇ Family Burn-Out Relief Fund
- ◇ Backpack Program
- ◇ Volunteers Outreach Program
- ◇ Partnership with OCTech Education Dept.
- ◇ Teacher Cadets from CCHS
- ◇ Calhoun Cares
- ◇ Local Churches and Businesses Donations
- ◇ Claflin Talent Search Partnership
- ◇ Rotary Club Partnership
- ◇ SCSU 1890 Research and Extension Program
- ◇ SCSU Consortium of the Arts
- ◇ St. Matthews Parish Church
- ◇ Calhoun Convalescent Center
- ◇ Grandparents Day Appreciation
- ◇ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◇ Calhoun County Library
- ◇ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ◇ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- ◇ Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Columbia Fireflies Reading Program
- ◇ One School ,One Book Initiative
- ◇ Donors Choose Program
- ◇ Project GEAR UP
- ◇ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Dick Horne Foundation
- ◇ Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- ◇ Arby's

School Improvement Council

Shelika Izlar, **Chair**
Olivia Smith, **Secretary**

Barry Charley	Ronda Simmons
Doretha Jones	Donald Benjamin
Stacey Cokley	Kristen Simensen
Satidra Taylor	Germaine Fields



School Summary Report 2015-2016

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accredited by the Southern Association of
Colleges and Schools.*

St. Matthews K-8 is a Title I School

Recognitions

St. Matthews K-8 is a Reward School



**Recipient of The SC Chamber of Commerce
Homework Center Grant Grades 2nd-5th**

USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Calhoun County District Teacher of the Year
Germaine Fields

WLTX Teacher of the Week
Marla Fanning

Dick Horne Foundation Grant Recipients
Glen Aiken Gloria Felder-Way
MyKeida Middleton Carolyn Snider
Felicia White Anita Fersner
Becky Haigler Susan Morris

Donors Choose Recipients
Olivia Smith, MyKeida Middleton, and
Felicia White

USC Regional Science Fair Metric Winners
China Riley and Mason Guerrero

SMK8 Elementary Science Fair Winner
Jayden Wallace

SMK8 Middle School Science Fair Winner
Kenneth Jenkins

**100% of students passed End-of-Course State
Assessment in English I and Algebra I
in May 2015.**

Recognitions Continued.....

2015-2016 Newly Identified Duke Tip Scholars

Xander Roberts	Sariah Whetstone
Yaneekwah Hart	Kanvas Benjamin
Yarelli Cassilas	Cyncere Haynes
Charlise Gamble	

2015-2016 Student Council

President - Marian Wright
 Vice-President - Chase Donaldson
 Asst. Vice- President – Imani Smith
 Recording Secretary - Chakirah Woody
 Corresponding Secretary - Maylene-Dee Guerrero
 Asst. Corresponding Secretary – Sha'ria Gilyard
 Treasurer - Amerie Magee
 Parliamentarian - Kryztan King
 Asst. Parliamentarian – Patience Miller
 Sergeant-At-Arms - James Kelly
 Asst. Sergeant –At-Arms – Armani Mintz
 Chaplain - Kenneth Jenkins
 Asst. Chaplain – Fantasia Griddle
 Event Coordinator – Johnathan Keller

2015-2016 Jr. Beta Club

Marisol Carrillo	Danasia Clark
Iniya Cramer	Tyrese Duckson
Kanazha Guinyard	Jurnee Jenkins
James Kelly	Ashlyee Kilborn
Marquetta Riley	Nancy Rizo
Dwayna Scott	Dannesha Seawright
Imani Smith	Nataijah Williams
MarQuell Wilson	Marion Wright
Amariya Wright	Teriaysia Wynne
Jordan Zeigler	