

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.

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Leading With Courage



ST. MATTHEWS K-8 2015- 2016 INITIATIVES

1. Provide an academic environment that promotes high expectations for all students

- Hiring of a full time keyboarding teacher
- Implementation of Project Lead the Way Class
- Continuation of Best Practices in Literacy

2. Create a professional learning environment that attracts and supports a high quality core of teachers and staff.

- Hire highly qualified teachers
- Provide professional development opportunities

3. Develop alliances with families and the community that enhance and support the well-being of our students.

- Continuation of family nights, USC Cocky Nights, Grandparents' Day
- Career Fairs



ONE DREAM, ONE TEAM

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Accelerated Reading
- ◆ Accelerated Math
- ◆ Middle School Chorus
- ◆ 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
- ◆ USA TestPrep
- ◆ AIMS Web
- ◆ First In Math
- ◆ Empower 3000
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ Job Shadowing
- ◆ Poetry Alive Contest
- ◆ Athletic Program
- ◆ Star & Superstar Readers
- ◆ Math Madness
- ◆ Science & Math Night
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Sons Of Solomon Boys Club
- ◆ Principal Reading Challenge
- ◆ Walk to School
- ◆ Read Across America
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ High School Computer Course
- ◆ DARE
- ◆ Wee Deliver Mail System
- ◆ Writing Blitz
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ R.I.D.D.E
- ◆ Academic Night
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Career Day /Career Fair
- ◆ M.E.S.A.S
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Spelling Bee
- ◆ Advisement
- ◆ Brain Pop
- ◆ GeoFest
- ◆ Circus
- ◆ Discovery Education
- ◆ Author's Visits
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ Flag Detail
- ◆ Cyber Bullying Workshops
- ◆ Clafin Saturday Academy
- ◆ Algebra I
- ◆ English I
- ◆ Project GEAR UP
- ◆ Literacy Coach Grant

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.

Our School

Currently, 635 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
- ◇ D.A.R.E. Program
- ◇ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◇ Walk to School
- ◇ Calhoun County Library
- ◇ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ◇ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- ◇ Pennies for Patients
- ◇ Central Carolina Community Foundation/ USC Cocky Reading Program
- ◇ One School One Book Initiative
- ◇ Donors Choose Program
- ◇ Project GEAR UP

School Improvement Council
Glen Aiken **Chair**
Susan Morris **Secretary**

Barry Charley Ronda Simmons
Melody Pedings Donald Benjamin
Stacey Brunson Shelika Izlar

St. Matthews K-8 School



School Summary Report

2014-2015

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Dr. Steve Wilson, Superintendent
Mr. Barry Charley, Principal
Mrs. Ronda Simmons, Assistant Principal

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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



**St. Matthews K-8 received the
Palmetto Silver Award**

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

**5th Grade won The Calhoun County Farm Bureau
Annual Commodity Christmas Tree Contest**

**Calhoun County District Teacher of the Year
SMK8 Teacher of the Year and USC NOYCE FELLOW
Ms. MyKeida Middleton**

**Doctorate in Educational Leadership
Ms. Wanda Green**

National Board Certified Teachers
Anita Fersner Wanda Green
Tamika Fordham Carolyn Snider

**Special Education Multi-Categorical
Certified Teachers**
Priscilla Carter, Gloria Heatley, and Alice Walker

SC Gifted & Talented Endorsed Teachers
Donnica Darby, Wanda Green, Glen Aiken, Anita Fersner,
Carolyn Snider, Angela Colter-Haigler

Calhoun County Anti-Litter Control Drawing Contest Winner
Imani Smith

USC Regional Science Fair Metric Winners
Jayda Brunson and Jurnee Jenkins
Marisol Carrillo and Nancy Rizo
Araceli Carrillo and Jordan Franklin

SMK8 Elementary Science Fair Winner
Deondra Darby

SMK8 Middle School Science Fair Winner
Araceli Carrillo and Jordan Franklin

**Newly Identified Consortium of the Arts
Participants**
Ashylee Kilborn, Quadarius Rivers, and Terlaysia Wynne

Recognitions Continued.....

SMK8 Math Madness Winners

Richard Riley	Kameron Wright	Alexa Tamayo
Yaneekwah Hart	Jolene Fludd	Jace Currie
Kamariah Haynes	Janiah Whaley	Ricky Tyler
Emmanuel Mendez -Vaca		Russell Brunson
Chekirah Woody	Craig Boneparte	Brian Lonon
Chase Donaldson	Jurnee Jenkins	JeMarius Fludd
	Quadarius Rivers	

2014-2015 Newly Identified Duke Tip Scholars 4th Grade

Jace Currie	Jonovan Darby	Jaliese Fludd
Kemyriah Haynes	Kamaria Izlar	Manual Mendez-Vaca
Cameron Rose	Ricky Tyler	J'Nya Whaley

Amiria Brigmon	Michelle Guerrero	Jordan Hales
Andre Staley	Gavin Whisenhunt	Shade' Woody

Tyrese Duckson	William Hair	James Kelley
Bryan Martinez-Rodriguez	Cherirah Woody	Marquetta Riley

Araceli Carrillo

**Newly South Carolina State Identified
Gifted & Talented as of 2014-2015**

Yareli Casillas	Jace Currie	Jolene Fludd
Cyncere Hayes	Noah Johnson	Gabrielle Lockhart
Stalaysia Shannon	Sariah Whetstone	Kanvas Benjamin

Newly South Carolina State Identified Artistic Gifted & Talented as of 2014-2015

Deondra Darby	Dance
Imani Smith	Dance
Ne'Asia Woody	Vocal

Jr. Beta Club Honor Society

Willie Brown	Terry Bull	Araceli Carrillo
Isaiah Crosby	Jordan Franklin	Raquarius Greene
Devontae Griddle	Guye Guinyard	Shaniya Guinyard
TyDrell Howell	Christopher Jackson	Jurnee Jenkins
Daria Johnson	Jontel McKay	Quadarius Rivers
Nancy Rizo	Dwayna Scott	Imani Smith
Treasure Thomas	Je'Torian Williams	Mar'Quell Wilson
Amariya Wright	Terlaysia Wynne	Alexeonna Young
Jordan Zeigler		

SMK8 Student Council

President	Jontel McKay
Vice President	Kanazha Guinyard
Asst. Vice President	Janessa Williams
Recording Secretary	Danasia Clark
Corresponding Secretary	Chekirah Woody
Treasurer	Nya Carson
Parliamentarian	Amerie Magee
Asst. Parliamentarian	Emerald Sullivan
Sergeant-At-Arms	James Kelley
Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms	JaBarre Milligan
Chaplain	Devontae Griddle
Event Coordinator	Ethan Tullock