

## FAST FACTS

- GRADES: 6-8 Middle
- ATTENDANCE AREA: N. Charleston Area
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 1004
- NUMBER OF CERTIFIED STAFF: 31
- CERTIFIED STAFF RETENTION RATE: 85.2%
- PERCENTAGE OF CERTIFIED STAFF WITH ADVANCED DEGREES: 45%
- AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 16



7th graders displaying our testing shirts

Mrs. James, 2016 Teacher of the Year



## Our Vision

We, the Nighthawks, of Northwoods Middle School, will collaborate to create a community of lifelong learners, who communicate effectively, think creatively, accept challenges, and exhibit self-discipline to form a positive learning environment that embraces diversity.



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## Northwoods Middle School

2015-2016  
Annual Report



“Excellent is Our Standard”

Ms. Toshawanka Mahone, Principal  
Ms. Sandra Riepke, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Lawanda Glears, Assistant Principal  
Ms. Taiwana Johnson, Assistant Principal

Charleston > excellence is our standard  
County SCHOOL DISTRICT



**NMS  
Pageant Contestants**



**Senator Tim Scott & Principal T. Mahone**



**Donations collected for those affected by  
the 2015 flood.**

## Message from SIC Committee

Northwoods Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging learning environment. We provide such an environment through the implementation of our four pillars for success: Excellence, Achievement, Creativity and Perseverance. We demonstrate this vision by challenging our students with best practices to reach their full potential and by the continuous professional development of our teachers. Our teachers are always seeking to learn new and effective strategies to use in the classroom such as: Think Through Math, Mastery Connect, 1:1 iPad integration, and the SpringBoard curriculum.

Our teachers attend weekly professional development. This year, we also embarked on a new reading initiative. As a school, we conducted school-wide read alouds and reenergized our media center. We are confident that we are laying the foundations to support our pillars for academic achievement and, therefore, creating a new history of academic success.

At Northwoods, we also have various programs outside the academic world to focus on the development of the whole child. School-wide we have focused on implementing Overcoming Obstacles and providing in-school clubs for all students. We believe it is imperative that our students learn what it means to persevere so they can become successful in life. This year we continued to use the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program. This program rewards our students for displaying positive behaviors. We celebrate these behaviors with our monthly PBIS celebrations as well as recognize students who have exceeded our PBIS goals with Student of the Month Celebrations. During 2014-15, our guidance staff began monthly classroom guidance lessons. Northwoods also partnered with the Lowcountry Food Bank program to provide food each month for needy families as well as quarterly Fresh Food Markets. In addition, we continued to offer Breakfast in the Classroom. This program ensures all have a healthy breakfast and are ready to begin their day. At Northwoods Middle School, we believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our young students. Thank you for all of your support in helping in the development of our future South Carolina graduates and world leaders!

Ms. Toshawna Mahone, Principal

Ms. Dixon, SIC Chair

## Nighthawks SOAR with PRIDE

### College Tours

Decreased Out of School Suspension

Increased report card growth rating

Excellent rating opportunities in the arts

HS credit courses now offered

Spanish

Eng I

Alg I

Decreased student retention rate

Increased Parental Involvement

Parenting Partners

Parent Powerschool Classess

Increased Community Partnerships

Heritage Keepers Partnership

Lowcountry Food Bank partnership

Increased mentoring programs for students  
and families

