

## FAST FACTS

- GRADES: 6-8 Middle
- ATTENDANCE AREA: N. Charleston Area
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 707
- NUMBER OF CERTIFIED STAFF: 55
- CERTIFIED STAFF RETENTION RATE: 60%
- PERCENTAGE OF CERTIFIED STAFF WITH ADVANCED DEGREES: 45%
- AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 16



Goodies for Guardians

Girls Volleyball Team 24-25



## 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

Annual  
School Improvement Council  
2024-2025



“Excellent is Our Standard”

Dr. Keturah Gadson, Principal  
Ms. Sandra Riepke, Assistant Principal  
Ms. Onekki Shaw, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Tristan Hawkins, Assistant Principal

Charleston >excellence is our standard  
County SCHOOL DISTRICT



### Winners Circle

**Mrs. Dawn Wells– Teacher of the Year  
24-25-Dr. Gadson– Principal of NWMS**



**Sneaker Ball  
Northwoods Staff/Faculty**

### Message from SIC Committee

Northwoods Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills needed for life and the characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging learning environment.

Northwoods Middle School continues to make gains in student achievement by providing opportunities for high school credits, reading interventions, reading enrichment, a school-wide intervention class, and multiple extra curricular activities. Additionally, out teachers are always seeking to learn new and effective strategies to use in the classrooms by attending weekly PDs.

We not only continue to make great progress academically, but we have also made huge strides in changing the climate and culture of the school. This year alone, we have implemented Restorative Practices, Second Steps, PBIS, and Capturing Kids' Hearts. We can proudly say that our students and staff are amazing. The students overcome numerous obstacles and the staff works tirelessly to help the students of Northwoods Middle School reach their full potential.

The faculty, staff, and members of the School Improvement Council, believe that the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of all of our students. We are confident that if we work together, our students will have the appropriate foundation and support in order to achieve academic success, not only at Northwoods Middle School, but also throughout their educational careers. Thank you for all of your support in helping develop our future leaders.

Dr. Keturah Gadson  
Principal

Mrs. Dixon, SIC Chair

## Nighthawks SOAR with PRIDE

**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**

**CTE**

**Decreased student retention rate**

**Increased Parental Involvement**

**Parenting Partners**

**Parent Powerschool Classes**

**Increased Community Partnerships**

**Community in Schools**

**Project Prevent Grant**

**A.R.I.S.E.**

**Lowcountry Food Bank**

**Increased mentoring programs for students and families**

