

FAST FACTS

- GRADES: 6-8 Middle
- ATTENDANCE AREA: N. Charleston Area
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 898
- NUMBER OF CERTIFIED STAFF: 55
- CERTIFIED STAFF RETENTION RATE: 87.2%
- PERCENTAGE OF CERTIFIED STAFF WITH ADVANCED DEGREES: 40%



Teacher Superlatives

NWMS Cheerleaders



Our Vision

We, the Nighthawks, of Northwoods Middle School, will collaborate to create a community of life-long 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
2020-2021



“Excellent is Our Standard”

Dr. Colleen Knauer, Principal
Ms. Sandra Riepke, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Lashawna Watkins, Assistant Principal
Mr. James Tomasello, Assistant Principal

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Charleston >excellence is our standard
County SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Teacher of the Year
Mr. Muzzy**



**Our Principal, Dr. Knauer, accepting
"Our School Rocks Award."**

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 CCCR, and multiple extra-curricular activities (pre-COVID). Additionally, our teachers are always seeking to learn new and effective strategies to use in the classrooms by attending regular professional development and working together in PLCs.

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 all while dealing with a pandemic. We can proudly say that our students and staff are amazing. The students have overcome numerous obstacles and the staff works tirelessly to help the students of Northwoods Middle School, both in-person and remote, 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. Colleen Knauer
Principal

Ms. Dixon, SIC Chair

Nighthawks SOAR with PRIDE

Decreased Out of School Suspension

Increased report card growth rating

HS credit courses now offered

Spanish

English I

Algebra I

CTE—PLTW

Decreased student retention rate

Increased Parental Involvement

Increased Community Partnerships

Community in Schools

Heritage Keepers

Lowcountry Food Bank

Rick Hendrick Toyota

Increased mentoring programs for students and families

Improved PBIS and MTSS

