# RECOGNITION (%)

- 29 Junior Scholars; 46 participated in the Duke TIP NAMS participated in the District Middle School Battle of the Books; Math Counts team placed 4th in the district; Regional Science Fair NAMS won first, second and third place for ALL of the middle school projects. One of those projects won first place in material science, another won first place in engineering, and the third one won second place in materials science, All three won the Broadcom Masters award; MLK essay contest 3rd place. Spooky Story Contest at Nancy Carson Library 3rd place. Video Production Team won second place in the SC Book Award Book Trailer Book contest. Academic Team was the district champion.
- Six students nominated for Celebration of Character
- 4 students joined the ranks of the NAHS Jacket Regiment Marching Band as 8th graders; 39 students earned a spot in the All-County Honor Band; 10 students earned a spot in the Region Honor Band; Advanced Band earned a Superior Rating with Distinction at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival, which is the highest rating a band can receive; Advanced Band & Jacket Singers competed in the Southern Star Music Festival and the Advanced Band earned two silver ratings and one gold rating. The Jacket singers earned all gold ratings and won the sweepstakes award for the best choir of the weekend. The Jacket Singers were invited to participate in the 1st North Augusta Choir Fest, and perform on the Watchmen Broadcast television show.
- Volleyball was county runner-up.
- 2 students won prizes for their Rotary Club Football Program Cover entries; 7 students auditioned and were accepted into the Aiken County Gifted and Talented GATEWAY summer program for fine arts; winner for Ruth Patrick Science Center Space logo contest;

### **NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

We are committed to providing our students with opportunities and experiences that enhance their academic achievement and social/emotional growth. We are proud of our excellent opportunities in the arts and the engagement of our parents and community in helping our students to acquire world class skills and life and career characteristics in preparation for college and career readiness. I am honored to be a part of North Augusta Middle School.

Kimbra Meek, Principal

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chair Sandra Martinez

Parent Melanie Chavous

Parent Kindra Sturgis

Community Member Pat Carpenter

Community Member Rushunda Lett

> Ex-Officio Kimbra Meek

School Representative Leslie Johnson

School Representative Marlee Calloway

Ex-Officio/Title 1
Brenna McEowen

Community Member Charles Johnson

> Ex-Officio Sylvia Gay

# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of North Augusta Middle School is to provide a safe and cooperative environment, foster civic pride, and develop world class knowledge and skills, life and career characteristics and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) abilities necessary for our students to excel in a global society.



## North Augusta Middle School

2019-2020 School Improvement Council

"Building for a Better Tomorrow - One Child at a Time"

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#### **TESTING**

#### PASS 2018-2019

% MET & EXCEEDING SCHOOL WIDE

Science 63% Social Studies 81.2%

SC READY 2018-2019

% MET & EXCEEDING SCHOOL WIDE

English 47.5% Math 37%

**END OF COURSE 2018-2019** 

Algebra 1 100% passed English 1 100% passed

English Learners progress > proficiency target 23.8%

High School Level Courses offered 2020-2021

-ALGEBRA 1 -GEOMETRY -ENGLISH 1 -SPANISH 1

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Aiken County School Board has approved for North Augusta Middle School to be the NEW Thematic Middle School. It will be called the North Augusta Middle Modern Math Academy. Courses added are as follows: Grade 8/High School Credit approved Marketing, Grades 6-8 Financial Literacy and Personal Finance.

#### **STATISTICS**

• Current Student Enrollment: 632

Number of Certified Staff: 36

# Number of Advanced Degrees: 55.6% Statistics from the 18-19 School Report Card

• Teacher Attendance Rate: 93.2%

Student Retention Rate: 0.2%

Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses: (grades 7 & 8) 44%

Student to Teacher Ratio 26.4%

#### PERFORMANCE GOALS

#### Enrichment Classes & Labs

- NAMS offers ELA and math enrichment classes.
- Edmentum—Math and Reading
- NAMS has two computer labs and several laptop carts that are used to provide students with personalized learning opportunities. New lab coming in 2019-2020.
- The Read 180 reading intervention program is used to equip students who read below grade level.
- Teachers offer tutoring and the media specialist engages students in a variety of activities to increase reading interest and enjoyment.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019-2020**

#### **NAMS SIC:**

- SIC focused on Parent Involvement, Home-School Relations, and School Safety.
- Reviewed the 2019 SC Annual School Report Card Summary and addressed areas of concern.
- Assisted with the District-wide "Day of Caring" by engaging parents and community members to volunteer at our school.
- NAMS continues the community involvement program called "Give Me 5". Students are actively seeking opportunities to volunteer in our school and community.

#### **More Highlights:**

- Engineers from SRS and the Traveling Science Demonstration Program through Ruth Patrick Science Education Center provided hands-on activities and demonstrations about Matter.
- A doctor from AU Medical Center spoke to the science classes about the human body and brought human specimens and a cow heart for the students to look it.
- Then Greenwood Genetics Lab mobile unit visited the school.
- Volunteer Training was presented to over 100 parents who were interested in the opportunity to be more involved in the school and to assist in student and school excellence. Parents use their training to assist at athletic, PTO, field trip and other school events.
- Some NAMS students have been accepted into the Aiken Scholars Academy.
- Students and teachers participated in "Read Across America", a program lead by our school media specialist.
- NAMS Title 1 funds assisted in hosting the school-wide Literacy Nights in the fall for students to explore literacy with their families.
- The Student Ambassadors Program had over 50 members grades 6-8. The program continues to build community partnerships with the NA Chamber of Commerce and the Augusta Green Jackets. Ambassadors were offered a number of off-campus experiences that focused on leadership, business, careers, and interpersonal skills.

#### HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED....

- Local Business and Industry employees participated in Career Awareness activities and "Lunch with Leaders" throughout the school year. Students in grades 6–8 had opportunities to learn about different careers and educational requirements necessary in today's job market.
- NAMS provides information to parents through several routes of communication such as Black Board Connect, school website, Facebook and Twitter.
- Over 150 students participated in the NAMS Science Fair.
- NAMS sponsored a hand-on activity at SEED Day held at USCA in October. Over 600 area students participated in the edible cell activity.
- Engineering Day was provided to several STEM classes. Employees of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions offered interactive lessons and hands-on experiments.

#### **CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS**

Parent Workshops Academic Team **Golf Team** "The Dirty Brushes" Art Club Jacket Singers Orchestra Character Education Football Team "Give Me Five" Basketball Team Science Fair Superintendents Advisory Council JAR Rook Club Student Ambassadors Yearbook Staff Cheerleading Percussion Ensemble Student Council Volleyball Team Virtual Job Shadowing Reta Club Marching Band Spelling Bee Math Counts Parent Portal Ruilders Club Veterans Dav Lunch with Leaders Engineering Day Black History Program Rand Red Ribbon Week