

RECOGNITION



- NAMS had the District Martin Luther King Essay Contest winner.
- Girls Basketball: City and Conference Champions
Boys Basketball: City and Conference Runner-Up
Football: City and Conference Championship
Volleyball: City and Conference Runner-ups
- NAMS had the District Spelling Bee runner-up.
- 100% of 8th grade students and parents attended conferences to complete Individual Graduation Plans.
- Fourteen middle school students join the ranks of the NAHS Jacket Regiment Marching Band. Twenty-five students earned a spot in the All County Honor Band and eleven students earned a spot in the Region Honor Band. In addition, NAMS had one student selected as a member of the All State Band. The 7th and 8th grade bands both received Excellent Ratings at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival. The 7th grade band received a Superior Rating at the USC Aiken Concert Band Festival and the 8th grade band received a Superior Rating and Sweepstakes Award for highest score of all middle school bands or orchestras competing at the Southern Star Music Festival in Atlanta, GA.
- NAMS has seventeen Junior Scholars and three students received Duke TIP recognition.
- Student Council raised \$1416.00 in their efforts for Walk for A Cure. They collected 1,661 pounds of food for the Golden Harvest Food Bank. Ten children were adopted for the North Augusta Community Christmas Project and Student Council participated in the United Way Be A Bunny Program.
- Several NAMS students have been invited to participate in the acGATEWAY program for 4 weeks this Summer. This program is designed for gifted and talented students in the visual and performing arts.
- NAMS had the Middle School State DAR winner.
- NAMS students won both 1st and 2nd place in the Middle School division of North Augusta Idol.
- 100 NAMS students grades 6-8 qualified for the National Junior Beta Club.
- NAMS students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Nancy Carson Library Ghost Story Essay Contest.
- NAMS had three students place 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the CSRA Regional Science Fair at USCA. One student placed 2nd place OVERALL and two students received the Broadcom MASTERS Award.

AWARDS

North Augusta Middle School students continue to earn scores at or above both the district and state average on end of year standardized tests.

North Augusta Middle School received the SC State Department of Education Silver Award for Student Achievement.

"The Combined efforts of our faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members allow us to continue to excel academically at North Augusta Middle School. I am honored to be a part of North Augusta Middle School."

Wendy Jacobs

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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| Chair Michelle Burns, Parent | Vice Chair Melissa Loose, Parent |
| Secretary Victoria Hann, Parent | Student Council President Sarah Crews |
| Parent Roger Johnston | Parent Marianne Simonds |
| Parent Wes Simonds | Parent Kindra Sturgis |
| School Representative Laura Casdorff | School Representative Leslie Echols |
| Community Member Maurice Ransom | Community Member John Mathis |
| Community Member Linda Smith | Community Member Melinda Breedlove |
| Ex-Officio Wendy Jacobs | Ex-Officio Michael Casdorff |

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to develop responsible, successful, lifelong learners by providing a safe and cooperative environment that fosters respect for others, addresses cultural diversity, teaches responsibility, and is committed to developing and refining higher-order thinking skills.

AIKEN COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

North Augusta
Middle School

**North Augusta
Middle School
2013-2014
School Improvement Council
Annual Report**

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

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Phyllis Gamble, Assistant Principal
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TESTING

PASS 2013

| % MET OR EXEMPLARY | 6TH | 7TH | 8TH |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| ENGLISH | 81.5% | 77.9% | 72.9% |
| MATH | 86.5% | 70.7% | 81.2% |
| SCIENCE | 76.5% | 78.4% | 82.6% |
| SOCIAL STUDIES | 90.9% | 70.7% | 84.5% |
| WRITING | 87.4% | 82.5% | 80% |

END OF COURSE TESTS 2013

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:

Algebra 1, 8th grade - 94.7% English 1, 8th grade - 97.1%

- In the 2012-2013 school year we added Spanish 1 as an 8th grade elective.

STATISTICS

- Current Student Enrollment: 676
- Number of Certified Staff: 39
- Number of Advanced Degrees: 22
- Statistics from the 2013 School Report Card**
- Teacher Attendance Rate: 93.2%
- Student Retention Rate: 0.0%↓
- Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses:**
(grades 7 & 8) 58.1 %↑
- Opportunities in the Arts: Excellent
- Parents Attending Conferences: 83.3%

PERFORMANCE GOALS

School Intervention Team (SIT)

- NAMS SIT reviews multiple sources of data to determine academic and behavioral needs of all students. The SIT team recommends appropriate research-based strategies, supports on-going progress monitoring to drive instruction, recommends referrals for evaluation for possible special education services or section 504 plan services, determines staff needs in relation to school's Professional Development Plan and determines program evaluation needs in relation to the School Renewal Plan.

Enrichment Classes and Labs

- NAMS offers small enrichment classes in ELA and Math.
- Compass Learning and the Accommodations Lab are used to help students improve their skills.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013-2014

NAMS SIC:

- SIC hosted the 1st Annual School Beautification Day.
- Identified key issues that needed to be addressed: (parent involvement, home-school relations, security)
- Reviewed the 2013 SC Annual School Report Card Summary and addressed areas of concern.

8th Grade:

- Students and teachers participated in a "Dress Like a Pirate Day" activity to culminate the Pirate unit of study. Aye, maties!
- Students interacted with Colonial re-enactor Gwen Spivey. They learned about Colonial life as it was in the backcountry of South Carolina.
- Kimberly Clark presented "Choices", a Career Guidance program that provided an interactive life line to learning about how educational choices today affect your outcome for the future.
- GT students traveled to Washington, DC, to visit and study important memorials, buildings, and museums such as Lincoln Memorial, MLK Memorial, Capitol, White House, Pentagon, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Ford's Theater, Arlington Cemetery, and a number of other Washington attractions.

7th Grade:

- Engineers from SRS and part of the Traveling Science Demonstration Program through Ruth Patrick Science Education Center provided demonstrations and hands-on activities about Matter.
- Dr. Lynne Coule from MCG visited the science classes to talk about the human body and show the students organ specimens.
- Science classes participated in a frog dissection thanks to the funding from the public and the NAMS PTO through the donorschoose.org website.

6th Grade:

- GT students traveled to Edisto Island and participated in salt marsh activities led by Dr. Doug of Blue Marble Science as part of the GT unit on SC Salt Marshes.
- Students participated in an "on-campus" field trip. They interacted in eight booths, each which either had an activity related to a standard or had a speaker that discussed one of the state standards.

More Highlights:

- 2013-2014 NAMS PTO hosted the annual Transition Fair for rising 6th grade students.

HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED....

- Engineering Day was coordinated through Career Guidance for Science classes grades 6-8. Employees of Kimberly Clark offered interactive lessons in Polymer, Paper Making, Density and Diaper Experiment.
- Local Business and Industry employees have participated in Career Awareness activities throughout the school year. Students in grades 6-8 have had opportunities to learn about different careers and educational requirements necessary in today's job market.
- Guidance sponsored Parent Night which featured guest speaker Julie Kappes, PNP, PMHS. She spoke on the topic of "Healthy Habits and Safety for Middle School Students."
- NAMS provides information to parents through several routes of communication such as Black Board Connect, an email and calling post, "The Buzz", our bi-weekly newsletters and the school website.
- Volunteer Training was presented to over 200 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 and other school events.
- 8th grade students attended a field trip to USCA and the Aiken County Career and Tech. Center which highlighted future high school and college programs.
- 300+ students participated in the NAMS Science Fair.

CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS

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| Parent Workshops | Academic Team |
| Step Team | "The Dirty Brushes" Art Club |
| Golf Team | School Beautification Day |
| Pep Squad | Fellowship of Christian Athletes |
| Show Choir | Football Team |
| Newsletter | "Stinger" Newspaper |
| News Show | Lunch Bunch |
| Chess Club | Basketball Team |
| Archery Club | Stand Up and Stop Bullying |
| JAB Book Club | Cheerleading |
| Yearbook Staff | Percussion Ensemble |
| Student Council | Virtual Job Shadowing |
| Volleyball Team | Marching Band |
| Geography Bee | "Walk for a Cure" |
| Beta Club | Black Board Connect Notification |
| Spelling Bee | EIA Tutoring Program |
| Parent Portal | School Beautification Day |
| Veteran's Day | Positive Teacher Referrals |
| Author Visits | Gifted and Talented |
| Engineering Day | Career Speaker Days |
| "Choices" | Band |
| "Be a Bunny" | Black History Program |