

## RECOGNITION



- NAMS Future City Team placed 6th out of 50 teams at the Regional Future City Competition held at USC-Aiken and WON the "Best Model" award.
- The NAMS Boys and Girls Basketball Teams were named City and Conference Champions. Both were County Runner-Up. NAMS Football Team won the City, Conference and County Championship and the Girls Volleyball Team won City and Conference Champions. They were County Runner-up.
- Two of our students were recognized at the North Augusta Sports Hall of Fame banquet for their unique accomplishments in 2012.
- NAMS had the District Spelling Bee winner.
- 100% of 8th grade students and their parents completed their Individual Graduation Plans.
- Thirteen middle school students join the ranks of the NAHS Jacket Regiment Marching Band. Fourteen students earned a spot in either Region Honor Band or All County Honor Band. In addition, two students advanced from the region band audition to compete at the state level audition. NAMS Festival Band earned a Superior Rating at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival!
- NAMS has twenty-one Junior Scholars and three students received Duke TIP recognition.
- Student Council raised \$981.00 in their efforts for Walk for A Cure. They collected 1,775 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.
- Twenty-four students in 8th grade participated in the USC-Aiken Language Arts Festival. Ten NAMS students placed for their poems, memoirs, or visual analysis.
- NAMS students won both 1st and 2nd place in the Middle School division of North Augusta Idol.
- One of our 8th grade students was awarded First Place, Third Place Overall, and the Broadcom MASTERS Award at CSRA Regional Fair held at USC Aiken. In addition we had 2 students win 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 4 students win Honorable Mention.
- 266 NAMS students grades 6-8 qualified for the National Junior Beta Club.

## AWARDS

NAMS has *consistently* been a School-of-Choice in Aiken County and our students earn scores at or above both the district and state average.

NAMS received the SC State Department of Education Palmetto Gold Award for Student Achievement.

"This reflects on our entire school community, and I am proud to be a part of North Augusta Middle School."

Wendy Jacobs

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chair

Michelle Burns, Parent

Vice Chair

Kindra Sturgis, Parent

School Representative

Leslie Echols

Parent

Jamie Bolton

Student Council President

Ryan Gillespie

Community Member

Maurice Ransom

Community Member

Linda Smith

Secretary

Janet Gordon, Parent

School Representative

Laura Casdorph

Parent

Drenda Hardy

Community Member

Jennifer Mathis

Ex-Officio

Michael Casdorph

Ex-Officio

Wendy Jacobs

### 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  
2012-2013

School Improvement Council  
Annual Report

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

Wendy Jacobs, Principal

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## TESTING

### PASS 2012

% MET OR EXEMPLARY	6TH	7TH	8TH
ENGLISH	77%	82%	86.1%
MATH	89.2%	82%	81.3%
SCIENCE	68.7%	79%	88.7%
SOCIAL STUDIES	87.5%	71.3%	81.6%
WRITING	—	—	86.8%

### END OF COURSE TESTS 2012

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:

Algebra 1, 8th grade - 100%    English 1, 8th grade - 96.5%

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

## STATISTICS

- Current Student Enrollment: 629
- Number of Certified Staff: 36
- Number of Advanced Degrees: 22

### **Statistics from the 2012 School Report Card**

- Teacher Attendance Rate: 95.5%↑
- Student Retention Rate: 0.2%↓
- Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses: (grades 7 & 8) 48.7 %↑
- Opportunities in the Arts: Excellent
- Parents Attending Conferences: 100%↑

## 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 2012-2013

### NAMS SIC:

- 2012-2013 NAMS SIC hosted the annual Transition Fair for rising 6th grade students.
- Identified key issues that needed to be addressed: (parent involvement, home-school relations, security)
- Reviewed the 2012 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, mates!
- 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:

- Aiken County Public Safety brought bloodhounds to visit 7th grade as part of the novel study, Where the Red Fern Grows.
- Joey Korn, author of Abe's Story, visited 7th and 8th grades. He shared his father's Holocaust survivor story.

### 6th Grade:

- Students participated in an interdisciplinary unit on China. Students studied various elements about China through their core classes.
- 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:

- The NAMS Science Fair had over 300 entries. All 1st place projects were entered in the CSRA Regional Fair held at USC Aiken.

## 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.
- 27 Business and Industry employees from the CSRA participated in Career Speaker Day. Students in grades 6-8 were able to learn about many different careers and educational requirements.
- Parents were invited to watch a presentation on "What to expect From Your Early Adolescent". In addition, Officer Melanie Chavous provided a presentation on Internet Safety.
- 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 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 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.

## CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS

Parent Workshops	Academic Team
Step Team	"The Dirty Brushes" Art Club
Golf Team	Strings Club
Pep Squad	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Show Choir	Football Team
Newsletter	"Stinger" Newspaper
News Show	Guitar and Song Writing
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
Future City	Community Mentor Group
Beta Club	Black Board Connect Notification
Spelling Bee	EIA Tutoring Program
Parent Portal	NFL Punt Pass & Kick
Veteran's Day	Positive Teacher Referrals
Author Visits	Gifted and Talented
Engineering Day	Career Speaker Day
"Choices"	Band