

## RECOGNITION



- Second place Martin Luther King Essay Contest.
- Boys Basketball: City and Conference Champs
- Girls Basketball: 12-4 record County Champs
- Football: City Champs and Conference Runner-Up
- 100% of 8th grade students and parents attended conferences to complete Individual Graduation Plans.
- Fourteen middle school students joined the ranks of the NAHS Jacket Regiment Marching Band. Thirty-eight students earned a spot in the All-County Honor Band, and twelve students earned a spot in the Region Honor Band. NAMS had one student selected as a member of the All-State Band. The Festival Band earned an Excellent Rating at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival. The 7th grade band is traveling to the Carowinds Music Festival on April 30th, and the 8th grade band is traveling to the Southern Star Music Festival on April 15th. For 2015, the NAMS band earned the Outstanding Performance Award, which is the highest honor a middle school band program can earn, from the South Carolina Band Directors Association. They are on track to receive this award again for 2016!
- Student Council implemented a school-wide recycling program, raised \$838.00 in their efforts for "Walk for A Cure." and adopted 12 children for the North Augusta Community Christmas Project.
- Ten Junior Scholars.
- Students raised over \$250 for the Wounded Warrior Project at the Veteran's Day Assembly.
- 8th grade Future City team placed 3rd and "Best Planning Process" in the State Competition.
- Two students were selected by the Aiken Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.
- Twelve students from NAMS will participate in the acGATEWAY Summer program. This program is designed for GT students in the visual and performing arts.
- Second place in the Middle School division of NA Idol.
- More than 90 students grades 6-8 qualified for the National Junior Beta Club.
- First, Second and Third place winners in the Nancy Carson Library Ghost Story Essay Contest.
- Nine students won 3rd place and Honorable Mention in the 2016 CSRA Regional Science and Engineering Fair at USC-Aiken. Two students received recognition from the Dept. of Navy, Office of Naval Research.
- Three groups competed in the Midlands National History Day Competition and advanced to state.
- NAMS received a Lowe's Grant to revitalize several of the schools green spaces into learning spaces.

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our students continue to earn scores at or above both the district and state average on ELA end of year standardized tests. We are also proud of our increased parental and community involvement as we all work together to provide our students with real world opportunities to acquire world class skills for career and college readiness. I am honored to be a part of North Augusta Middle School.

Phyllis Gamble, Principal

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chair Jason Fox, Parent	
Vice Chair Shamika Walls, Parent	Secretary Sabrina Thomas
Parent Victoria Hann	Parent Timothy Murph
Community Member Dea Baldwin	Parent Mary-Louise Smith, PTO
Community Member Sandra Martinez	School Representative Leslie Echols
Ex-Officio Melissa Loose	School Representative Kelly Smith
Ex-Officio Phyllis Gamble	Ex-Officio Eric Lewis

### 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.

AIKEN COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

North Augusta  
Middle School

**North Augusta  
Middle School**  
2015-2016

School Improvement Council  
Annual Report

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

**Phyllis Gamble, Principal**

Kimbra Herndon, Assistant Principal  
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## TESTING

### PASS 2015

% MET OR EXEMPLARY	SCHOOL WIDE
SCIENCE	70.5%
SOCIAL STUDIES	76.2%

### ACT ASPIRE 2015—TIMED ASSESSMENTS

% EXCEEDING	SCHOOL WIDE
ENGLISH	78.2%
MATH	40%
WRITING	27.9%

### END-OF-COURSE TESTS 2015

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:

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

- In the 2012-2013 school year, we added Spanish 1 as an 8th grade elective. French will take its place in 2016.

## STATISTICS

- Current Student Enrollment: 669
- Number of Certified Staff: 36
- Number of Advanced Degrees: 55.6%

### Statistics from the 2015 School Report Card

- Teacher Attendance Rate: 93.1%
- Student Retention Rate: 0.0%
- Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses: (grades 7 & 8) 52.8%
- Opportunities in the Arts: Excellent
- Parents Attending Conferences: 98.3%
- Student to Teacher Ratio: 30.7%
- Character Development Program: Excellent

## PERFORMANCE GOALS

### School Intervention Team (SIT)

- NAMS SIT reviews multiple sources 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.

### Enrichment Classes and Labs

- NAMS offers small enrichment classes in ELA and Math.
- NAMS has two labs used for a variety of programs such as MobyMax, USA TestPrep, and NewsELA to help students improve their skills.
- Literacy Time and Read 180 were implemented.
- Jacket Time continues to be available for tutoring and reading initiates.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015-2016

### NAMS SIC:

- SIC will assist with the 2nd Annual NAMS Extreme STEAM event on May 20, 2016.
- Identified key issues that needed to be addressed: (Parent Involvement, Home-School Relations, Security.)
- Reviewed the 2015 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.
- Students interacted with Colonial re-enactor Gwen Spivey. They learned about Colonial life as it was in the backcountry of South Carolina.
- Students attended a field trip to USC-Aiken and the Aiken County Career and Technology Center which highlighted high school and college programs.
- GT students traveled to Washington, DC, to study important memorials, buildings, and museums such as Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery (chosen to participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), Smithsonian and a number of other attractions.
- Participated in two service learning activities. They raised money for the Syrian refugees and cut out shoe patterns for the impoverished in Uganda.

### 7th Grade:

- Engineers from SRS and part of the Traveling Science Demonstration Program through Ruth Patrick Science Education Center provided hands-on activities and demonstrations about Matter.
- Science classes participated in a frog dissection project.
- GT students traveled to Alabama to Space Camp.
- Students visited the Silver Bluff Audubon Center to engage in hands-on-activities related to Ecology.

### 6th Grade:

- GT students traveled to Alabama to Space Camp.
- Students participated in an "on-campus" field trip that focused on STEAM.
- Students visited Medieval Times in Atlanta, GA as well as the Imperial Theatre for the Nutcracker.
- Students participated in a variety of clubs geared towards their individual interest.

### More Highlights:

- 2015-2016 NAMS PTO hosted the annual Transition Fair for rising 6th grade students.
- Exploratory teachers offered STEAM night in conjunction with the 6th grade band concert.
- NAHS students presented FBLA projects at NAMS.
- Local writer and North Augusta historian, Wayne O'Bryant spoke to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade about the Civil Rights Movement.
- 400+ students participated in the NAMS Science Fair.

## HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED....

- Engineering Day was coordinated through Career Guidance for Science classes grades 6-8. Employees of Kimberly Clark offered interactive lessons in Polymer, Density and Diaper Experiment.
- 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. Over 50 sessions were offered.
- 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.
- Eighth grade students participated in CHOICES, a two day program that presents real-life decision making strategies.
- 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, field trip and other school events.
- The Student Ambassadors Program was initiated with 61 members grades 6-8. The program built community partnerships with the NA Chamber of Commerce, Buzz on Bizz, and the Augusta GreenJackets. Ambassadors were offered a number of off-campus experiences that focused on leadership, business, careers, and interpersonal skills.

## CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS

Parent Workshops	Academic Team
Step Club	"The Dirty Brushes" Art Club
Golf Team	Gardening Club
Pep Squad	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Show Choir	Football Team
Newsletter	"Stinger" Newspaper
News Show	Project Citizen
Chess Club	Basketball Team
Science Fair	Student Ambassadors
JAB Book Club	Cheerleading
Yearbook Staff	Percussion Ensemble
Student Council	Virtual Job Shadowing
Volleyball Team	Marching Band
Extreme STEAM	"Walk for a Cure"
Beta Club	Design Squad
Spelling Bee	6th grade Academy
Parent Portal	Young Authors Night
Veterans Day	Photography Class
Engineering Day	Gifted and Talented
Band	Career Speaker Days
Red Ribbon Week	"Lunch with Leaders"
STEAM Night	Black History Program
Robotics Club	Character Education Program