

RECOGNITION



- NAMS had the District Martin Luther King Essay Contest winner.
- Boys Basketball: City and Conference Runner-Up
Girls Basketball: 10-4 record
- Football: City and Conference Championship
- Volleyball: City Champs and Conference Runner-ups
- 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-one 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 straight Superior Ratings at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival. The 7th grade band received a Superior Rating at the Carowinds Music Festival, and the 8th grade band received a Superior Rating at the Southern Star Music Festival. For 2014, 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 2015!
- NAMS has fourteen Junior Scholars.
- Student Council raised \$1403.00 in their efforts for "Walk for A Cure." Eight children were adopted for the North Augusta Community Christmas Project.
- The Stand Up and Stop Bullying Club collected 2500+ cans of food for the Golden Harvest Food Bank. The club also sponsored a school-wide door decorating competition for Red Ribbon Week.
- Several NAMS students will participate in the acGATEWAY program this Summer. This program is designed for gifted and talented students in the visual and performing arts.
- NAMS had the Middle School DAR Martintown Road Chapter winner.
- NAMS student won 2nd place in the Middle School division of North Augusta Idol.
- More than 100 NAMS students grades 6-8 qualified for the National Junior Beta Club.
- NAMS students won 1st and 2nd place in the Nancy Carson Library Ghost Story Essay Contest.
- NAMS had eight students earn 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention in the 2015 CSRA Regional Science and Engineering Fair at USCA. One of these students also earned 2nd place OVERALL and two received the Broadcom MASTERS Award.

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our students continue to earn scores at or above both the district and state average on 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 Melissa Loose, Parent	Vice Chair LaTavia Bowman, Parent
Secretary Dea Baldwin	Parent Larry White
Parent Victoria Hann	Parent Mary-Louise Smith
Parent Sandra Martinez	Parent Michelle Burns
Community Member Maurice Ransom	Parent Marianne and Wes Simonds
Community Member Dea Baldwin	Community Member Ken Smith
School Representative Leslie Echols	School Representative Betty Ruth Smith
Ex-Officio Phyllis Gamble	Ex-Officio Eric Lewis

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.

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North Augusta Middle School 2014-2015 School Improvement Council Annual Report

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

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*The NAMS SIC Annual Report is available in Spanish. Copies of the report are available in the front office or on the school website.

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TESTING

PASS 2014

% MET OR EXEMPLARY	SCHOOL WIDE
ENGLISH	75.6%
MATH	76%
SCIENCE	74%
SOCIAL STUDIES	71.7%
WRITING	78.6%

END-OF-COURSE TESTS 2014

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:

Algebra 1, 8th grade - 100% English 1, 8th grade - 98.1%

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

STATISTICS

- Current Student Enrollment: 687
- Number of Certified Staff: 39
- Number of Advanced Degrees: 23

Statistics from the 2014 School Report Card

- Teacher Attendance Rate: 93.4%
- Student Retention Rate: 0.0%
- Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses:**
(grades 7 & 8) 74.6 %↑
- Opportunities in the Arts: Excellent
- Parents Attending Conferences: 99%

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 2014-2015

NAMS SIC:

- SIC will assist with the 1st Annual NAMS Extreme STEAM event on May 28, 2015.
- Identified key issues that needed to be addressed: (Parent Involvement, Home-School Relations, Security.)
- Reviewed the 2014 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. Arrr, mates!
- Students interacted with Colonial re-enactor Gwen Spivey. They learned about Colonial life as it was in the backcountry of South Carolina.
- 8th grade students attended a field trip to USCA and the Aiken County Career and Tech. Center which highlighted high school and college programs.
- GT students traveled to Washington, DC, to visit and study important memorials, buildings, and museums such as Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, MLK Memorial, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Capitol, 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 hands-on activities and demonstrations about Matter.
- Science classes participated in a frog dissection project.
- The 7th grade GT students went to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL.

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 that focused on STEAM. Students visited 7 booths that focused on common core standards.
- Students visited the Imperial Theatre to see a play about Math (Eureka).

More Highlights:

- 2014-2015 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.
- NAMS participated in the National Student/Parent Mock Election in October.

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 and Lunch with Leaders 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.
- 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.
- 300+ students participated in the NAMS Science Fair.
- NAMS Hispanic Assembly is planned for May 2015.
- NAHS students presented FBLA projects at NAMS.
- NAMS new school marquee to assist with school-to-home/community communication. Funded through PTO efforts.
- Updates to the computer lab and library technology.

CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS

Parent Workshops	Academic Team
Step Team	"The Dirty Brushes" Art Club
Golf Team	"Off the Hook" Crochet Club
Pep Squad	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Show Choir	Football Team
Newsletter	"Stinger" Newspaper
News Show	Lunch Bunch
Chess Club	Basketball Team
Science Fair	Stand Up and Stop Bullying Club
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	Black Board Connect Notification
Spelling Bee	EIA Tutoring Program
Parent Portal	Hispanic Assembly
Veteran's Day	Positive Teacher Referrals
Engineering Day	Gifted and Talented
Band	Career Speaker Days
Red Ribbon Week	"Lunch with Leaders"
STEAM Night	Black History Program