

## RECOGNITION



- 16 Junior Scholars; 17 participated in the Duke TIP Program; 90 students in grade 6 qualified for the National Junior Beta Club; Third Place district Spelling Bee Winner; Student qualified for the State National Geography Bee; NAMS First Place in the District Middle School Battle of the Books; Math Counts team placed 2nd in the district and qualified for the state competition; Regional Science Fair NAMS won four honorable mention, five third place, and two Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research medals for health science and physical science; Aiken Technical College & USCA Middle School MLK essay winner; 7 students accepted into the Aiken County Scholars Academy
- 100% of 8th grade students and parents attended conferences to complete Individual Graduation Plans
- Six students nominated for Celebration of Character
- 2 students joined the ranks of the NAHS Jacket Regiment Marching Band.; 39 students earned a spot in the All-County Honor Band.; 13 students earned a spot in the Region Honor Band; Advanced Band earned a Superior Rating at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival; Advanced Band & Choir competed in the Southern Star Music Festival and each group earned three silver ratings!
- Girls Basketball - County Champions; Boys Basketball-County Runner-Up; Volleyball - County Runner-Up
- 16 students were recognized as Junior National Art Students; 60 student artist will be showcased at the annual North Augusta Art Show; 40 student artist showcased at the annual ACPSD Art Show; 2 students won prizes for their Rotary Club Football Program Cover entries; 2 student artist were featured at Art & Soul Gallery during Master's Week; 6 students auditioned and were accepted into the Aiken County GATEWAY summer program for fine arts
- Grants awarded from the following: ACIRA \$200, NA Arts Council \$250, Donors Choose \$850, PLTW \$10,000

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are committed to providing our students with opportunities and experiences that enhance their academic achievement and social/emotional growth. Our students continue to earn scores above the district and state average on ELA standardized tests. We are also 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.

Phyllis Gamble, Principal

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chair Sandra Martinez	School Representative Leslie Echols
Vice Chair Melanie Chavous	School Representative Kelley Smith
Parent Reginald Crews	Ex-Officio Phyllis Gamble
Parent Pamela Williams	Ex-Officio Kimbra Herndon
Parent Yvonne Puckett	Ex-Officio/Title 1 Brenna McEowen
Community Member Joey Zeller	Community Member Terra Carroll

### 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.

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## North Augusta Middle School 2017-2018 School Improvement Council Annual Report

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

**Phyllis Gamble, Principal**

Kimbra Meek, Assistant Principal  
Sylvia Gay, Assistant Principal



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<https://www.acpsd.net/NAMS>

\*El informe anual SIC NAMS está disponible en español. Copias del informe están disponibles en la oficina o en la Web de la escuela.

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## TESTING

### PASS 2017

% MET & EXEMPLARY	SCHOOL WIDE
SCIENCE	60.1%
SOCIAL STUDIES	75.3%

### SC READY 2017

% MET & EXCEEDING	SCHOOL WIDE
ENGLISH	38.4%
% APPROACHING	41.7%
MATH	38.2%
% APPROACHING	38.4%

### END-OF-COURSE TESTS 2017

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:

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

\*In 2018-2019 NAMS will offer Spanish

## STATISTICS

- Current Student Enrollment: 623
- Number of Certified Staff: 33
- Number of Advanced Degrees: 63.6%
- **Statistics from the 2017 School Report Card**
- Teacher Attendance Rate: 93.2%
- Student Retention Rate: 0.2%
- **Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses:**  
(grades 7 & 8) 54%
- Opportunities in the Arts: Excellent
- Parents Attending Conferences: 99.2%
- Student to Teacher Ratio: 26.3%
- Character Development Program: Average

## 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 & Labs

- NAMS offers ELA and math enrichment classes.
- NAMS has two computer labs and several laptop carts that are used to provide students with personalized learning opportunities.
- 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 2017-2018

### NAMS SIC:

- SIC focused on Parent Involvement, Home-School Relations, and School Safety.
- Reviewed the 2017 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 in our school by painting the tables and benches in the student break areas.
- NAMS continues the community involvement program called "Give Me 5". Students are actively seeking opportunities to volunteer in our school and community.

### 8th Grade:

- Students and teachers participated in "Read Across America", a program lead by our school media specialist.
- Students attended a district-wide 8th grade field trip provided by Aiken Works that focused on careers in our community.

### 7th Grade:

- Engineers from SRS and 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.
- Grade level field trip to UCS Aiken Ruth Patrick Science Education Center to experience curriculum related programs specific to chemistry.

### 6th Grade:

- Students visited Medieval Times in Atlanta, GA.
- 6th grade Orchestra students went to USCA for an orchestra festival.

### More Highlights:

- NAMS PTO assisted in hosting the school-wide Open House for rising 6-8 grade students in February.
- 7th and 8th grade GT/Advanced students traveled to Charlotte, NC to visit Discovery Place, where they participated in various interactive science exhibits throughout the museum. They also went to Laser Quest where they participated in a STEM based class about light and optic.
- 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.
- Seven students have been accepted into the Aiken Scholars Academy.

## HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED....

- Engineering Day was coordinated through Career Guidance for Science classes grades 6-8. Employees of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions offered interactive lessons and hands-on experiments.
- 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.
- The Student Ambassadors Program had 48 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.
- Over 400 students participated in the NAMS Science Fair. Five students earned 3rd place, four students earned Honorable Mention and two students won Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research honors for health science and physical science in the Regional Science Fair.

## CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS

Parent Workshops	Academic Team
Step Club	"The Dirty Brushes" Art Club
Golf Team	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Pep Squad	Football Team
Show Choir	Future City
News Show	Basketball Team
Coding	Principal's Advisory Council
Science Fair	Student Ambassadors
JAB Book Club	Cheerleading
Yearbook Staff	Percussion Ensemble
Student Council	Virtual Job Shadowing
Volleyball Team	Marching Band
Beta Club	Math Counts
Spelling Bee	6th grade Academy
Parent Portal	Young Authors Night
Veterans Day	Robotics Club
Engineering Day	Gifted and Talented
Band	Career Speaker Days
Red Ribbon Week	Black History Program
STEAM Night	Character Education Program