



School Clubs and Activities

Yearbook Staff
 Academic Team
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 Beta Club
 Step Team
 Pep Squad
 Student Council
 Show Choir
 Drama Club
 Strings Class
 Math Club
 Art Club
 Fishing Team
 Archery Team
 Football Team
 Basketball Team
 Volleyball Team
 Cheerleading
 Future City

The NAMS Science Fair was held on February 14. There were over 300 entries representing all 3 grade levels. John Nichols from the North Augusta Optimist Club organized a diverse group of well qualified judges to assess the projects. Parents, students, and the community visited the fair in the evening to see the many projects that were awarded ribbons. All 1st place projects were then entered in the CSRA Regional Fair held in March at USC Aiken which yielded 3 more winning projects for North Augusta Middle School.

This year NAMS offered small group enrichment classes in ELA and Math.

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.

AWARDS

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

NAMS received the SC State Department of Education Palmetto Gold Award for Student Achievement and the Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.

"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:

Michael Casdorff (Chair)
 Barry Head
 Donna Bradberry
 Laura Casdorff
 Wendy Jacobs
 Janet Gordon
 Kelley Murphy
 Drenda Hardy
 Robin Dunn



North Augusta Middle School

2011-2012 School Improvement Council Annual Report

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

Principal: Wendy Jacobs

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Highlights of 2011-2012

The SIC:

- Hosted the annual transition fair.
- Identified key issues that needed to be addressed (parent involvement, home-school relations, break area for students).
- Reviewed the 2011 SC Annual School Report Card Summary and addressed areas of concern.

8th Grade:

- Using current test information, 8th grade teachers targeted specific students for exploratory classes which would give them additional help in their areas of weakness.
- Teachers were available during break and after school to help tutor students needing further explanation or help.
- Students attended a field trip to the Aiken County Career Center and USC Aiken which highlighted future high school and college programs.

7th Grade:

- Chad Hyler from Aiken County Public Safety brought bloodhounds to visit 7th grade as part of the novel study, Where the Red Fern Grows.
- Wayne Auger, Sr. and Wayne Auger, Jr. from the United Kennel Club and Red Hill Houndsman Association visited the 7th grade to teach them about coon hunting in conjunction with their novel, Where the Red Fern Grows.
- Joey Korn, author of Abe's Story, visited 7th grade. He shared his father's Holocaust survivor story, which was part of the novel study, Devil's Arithmetic, and the 7th grade integrated unit about World War II.

6th Grade:

- Sixth grade students participated in an interdisciplinary unit on China. Students studied various elements about China through their core classes.
- As part of the 6th grade GT unit on SC Salt Marshes, students travelled to Edisto Island where they participated in salt marsh activities led by Dr. Doug of Blue Marble Science.

RECOGNITION

- Two of our 8th grade girls, Justina Nolen and Dominique Lyons, participated in the 2012 "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" day sponsored by SRNS.
- Jordan Houston, Catherine Powell, and Sarah Tyrrell won 3rd place at the Future City Competition held at USC-Aiken.
- Katelyn Shiley won the DAR essay contest.
- Our NAMS marching band won second place in the North Augusta Christmas parade.
- Katlin Pugh won the Geography Bee and qualified to attend the state level of competition.
- NAMS Football team won the City Championship.
- 7th Grade Band and 8th Grade Band both scored Excellent at the Concert Festival in Charleston, SC.
- Brian Yonn, 8th grade, was selected for the SC All State Band.
- Jessalyn Brantley, Camara Brown, Jacob Burns, Nick Butler, Daniel Davidson, Kendrick Griffin, Briana Karlin, Ariel Moore, Catherine Powell, Ashley Roberts, Dorien Scott, Katelyn Shiley, Sara Tyrrell, and Brian Yonn were named Junior Scholars.
- Student Council received letters and e-mails of appreciation for their fundraising efforts for Walk for A Cure (NAMS raised \$1,265), Golden Harvest Food Bank (NAMS collected 2,541 pounds of food), North Augusta Community Christmas Project (NAMS adopted 10 children), and the United Way's Be A Bunny Program.
- Our Art students were very busy. In the North Augusta Arts Council Annual Student Art Show, Spencer Jones placed 1st and Kip Thornton placed 2nd. Camara Brown, Lisa Lee, and Sarah Williams had their art work selected as Honorable Mention. Seth Owens placed 2nd in the cover design for the annual Rotary Bowl.
- Sixteen of our band members qualified for Aiken County Band.

MAP TO PASS CORRELATION

According to the results of our 2011 PASS data 81.3% of sixth graders, 83.2% of seventh graders, and 82.3% of eighth graders met or exceeded the standards in ELA. Of these same students, 90.7% of sixth graders, 77.6% of seventh graders, and 83.2% of eighth graders met or exceeded the math standards. This puts us on track with the local and national goal of having 90% of students meet the standard in ELA and 95% of students meet the standard in math by 2014. The percentages shown on the graphs below indicate we are on track to score met or better on PASS 2012 as indicated by Spring MAP performance.

