

RECOGNITION



- Girls Basketball: County Runner-Up
- 100% of 8th grade students and parents attended conferences to complete Individual Graduation Plans.
- Nine 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 thirteen students earned a spot in the Region Honor Band. Two students were selected as members of the All-State Band. The Advanced Band earned an Excellent Rating at the SCBDA State Concert Band Festival. The Advanced Band and Choir traveled to Atlanta in March for the Southern Star Music Festival. Each group earned two silver ratings and one gold rating! The Intermediate Band is traveling to the Carowinds Music Festival on April 29th. For 2016, 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 2017!
- Student Council adopted six children for the North Augusta Community Christmas Project.
- First and Third place winners in the Martin Luther King Essay Contest.
- Sixteen Junior Scholars and sixteen Duke TIP honors.
- Four students were named to the Prudential Spirit of the Community for being Youth Volunteers of the Year for their service to the community.
- First and Second place in the Middle School division of NA Idol.
- 75 students grades 6-8 qualified for the National Junior Beta Club.
- 43 of our top artist will be showcased at the annual North Augusta Art Show in May.
- Two students won prizes for their Rotary Club Football Program Cover entries.
- Aiken's Art and Soul Gallery will showcase one of our students art work.
- First and Second place winners in the Nancy Carson Library Ghost Story Essay Contest.
- Grants were received from the following: ACIRA \$200, NA Arts Council \$250,
- Six students auditioned and were accepted into the acGATEWAY summer program for fine arts.

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 Joye McCurry	Vice Chair Machela Knox
Parent Kimberly Mace	Parent Wendy Sparks
Parent Kendra Green	Parent Yvonne Johnson
Parent Jeff Kervin	Parent Reginald Crews
Community Member Patricia Carpenter	Community Member Joey Zeller
Community Member Sandra Martinez	Community Member Terra Carroll
Community Member Melanie Chavous	School Representative Leslie Echols
School Representative Kelly Smith	Ex-Officio Jason Fox
Ex-Officio Phyllis Gamble	Ex-Officio Kimbra Herndon
Mascot Yellow Jacket	Ex-Officio Ashanti Friels-Paz

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 2016-2017 School Improvement Council Annual Report

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

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TESTING

PASS 2016

% MET OR EXEMPLARY	SCHOOL WIDE
SCIENCE	73.4%
SOCIAL STUDIES	80.5%

SC READY 2016

% EXCEEDING	SCHOOL WIDE
ENGLISH	55.3%
MATH	37.4%

END-OF-COURSE TESTS 2016

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:

Algebra 1, 8th grade - 100% English 1, 8th grade - 99.1%

- In the 2016-2017 school year, we added French 1 as an 8th grade elective.

STATISTICS

- Current Student Enrollment: 630
- Number of Certified Staff: 34
- Number of Advanced Degrees: 61.8%
- Statistics from the 2016 School Report Card**
- Teacher Attendance Rate: 98.6%
- Student Retention Rate: 0.3%
- Students Enrolled in High School Credit Courses:**
(grades 7 & 8) 49.5%
- Opportunities in the Arts: Excellent
- Parents Attending Conferences: 99.5%
- Student to Teacher Ratio: 35.9%
- 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 & 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 2016-2017

NAMS SIC:

- SIC will assist with the Identified key issues that needed to be addressed: Parent Involvement, Home-School Relations, Security
- Reviewed the 2016 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 updating the flower bed at the front entrance.
- NAMS implemented a 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 a "Dress Like a Pirate Day" activity to culminate the Pirate unit of study.
- Students attended a field trip to USC-Aiken and the Aiken County Career and Technology Center which highlighted high school and college programs.

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.
- Students participated in a hands-on lab exploring DNA in plants on the Gene Machine Mobile Lab from the Greenwood Genetic Center.

6th Grade:

- GT students attended Camp Greenville.
- Students participated in an "on-campus" field trip that focused on STEAM.
- Students visited Medieval Times in Atlanta, GA.
- GT students traveled to SRS for a field trip.
- 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 March.
- 7th and 8th grade 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.
- 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.

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, an email and calling post, and the school website.
- 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 GreenJackets. Ambassadors were offered a number of off-campus experiences that focused on leadership, business, careers, and interpersonal skills.
- The 3rd Annual NAMS Extreme STEAM event was held in March..
- NAHS students presented FBLA projects at NAMS.
- 400+ students participated in the NAMS Science Fair.

CLUBS - ACTIVITIES - PROGRAMS

Parent Workshops	Academic Team
Step Club	"The Dirty Brushes" Art Club
Golf Team	Gardening Class
Pep Squad	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Show Choir	Football Team
News Show	Future City
Coding	Basketball Team
Science Fair	Principal's Advisory Council
JAB Book Club	Student Ambassadors
Yearbook Staff	Cheerleading
Student Council	Percussion Ensemble
Volleyball Team	Virtual Job Shadowing
Extreme STEAM	Marching Band
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	Black History Program
STEAM Night	Character Education Program
Robotics Club	Math Counts