

## North Augusta High School

2012-2013

### School Report to the Community

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#### Mission Statement

The mission of North Augusta High School is to prepare students for a global society through a focus on diverse experiences engaging students academically, socially and in citizenship. We believe in a true community school where students, parents, faculty and local resources collaborate to provide the opportunity for every student to meet personal goals through rigorous academic and quality co-curricular programming.

NAHS is a comprehensive four year high school with a diverse population of 1500 students. It is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a member of *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole school research-based reform effort.

Keep Up-to-date on NAHS Happenings  
*The Yellow Jacket* <http://tyjna.com/>

*As required by South Carolina law the School Improvement Council has prepared this report on NAHS's progress in meeting goals, and to highlight accomplishments.*

## Academics

NAHS course selections includes: Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Honors, College Preparatory, Applied Technology, and Exceptional Education.

The faculty at NAHS is committed to continuous improvement using data and research based practices to guide instruction. Early Release Day each month allows teachers time to plan together for curriculum consistency.

We will continue to explore additional Advanced Placement opportunities and encourage students to challenge themselves academically through the Honors Academy Program. This program will grow to include additional career-interest areas.

Freshman Academy has been our primary academic intervention this year. The academy has been very successful with discipline and survey data, and we look forward to seeing final failure and academic data. We are very proud of the faculty, student and community cooperation to make this program highly successful in its inaugural year.

#### Data

- 95.4% High School Exit Exam (HSAP) (a 2.5% increase).
- 424 Students took Advance Placement exams and 37.7% of students (highest enrollment ever).
- ACT composite score 21.2 with 101 students (national composite = 21.1)
- SAT composite score 1409 (78.5% of Seniors taking is among state's highest).
- Graduation rate: 80.1% (highest ever, a rise of 5.1%)
- 74% End of Course Test Score pass rate (highest ever, 11% increase).
- *Parent and student satisfaction on Report Card surveys showed growth in ALL areas.*

## Celebrate with Us

#### Academics

- For the first time at North Augusta High School, we earned "Excellent" improvement and "Excellent" absolute ratings on the State of South Carolina's School Report Card.
- North Augusta Honors Academies will celebrate the first graduates (approximately 30) for this prestigious accomplishment.
- For the first time at North Augusta High School, we were awarded the prestigious Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement.
- We completed our first year of Freshman Academy and preliminary data shows excellent results academically and behaviorally/socially.
- Jennifer Holley was the first ever non-Math and Science teacher recognized with the "Spirit of Ruth Patrick" award.
- Our Advanced Placement program has over 400 students enrolled for the first time in history. Our pass rate continues to be consistent as this growth occurs.
- Royce Cook is the national recipient of the Women in Technology Award.
- At the printing of this document, we were on track to exceed over \$8,000,000 in senior scholarships in the 12-13 school year.

#### Athletics: AAAA School

- 40 All State Scholar Athletes.
- 16 Student Athletes signed National Letters of Intent to play Collegiate Athletics.
- Varsity Swimming won State Championships in 5 events, 3 in girls and 2 in boys.
- Varsity Football advanced to State Quarterfinals for 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- Varsity Boys Basketball was Region Champions and advanced to Lower State Semifinals.
- Varsity Girls Basketball advanced to Lower State Quarterfinals.



## Celebrate with Us continued

- Varsity Volleyball advanced to Lower State Quarter Finals.
- Varsity Football Head Coach named Region Coach of the Year.
- Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach named Region Coach of the year.
- Varsity Football Head Coach named Carolina Panthers Coach of the Week.

### The Arts

- Student art on display: NA Art& Heritage Center, and the Gertrude Institute of Art.
- NAHS Marching Band:  
Grand Champions: Lorraine Paris Invitational and Grovetown Tournament of Bands,  
4A State Marching Band Finalist,  
1 student: SCBDA All-State Band,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Appearance in the ABC Dunkin Donuts Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.

### Student Competitions

- Beta Club:  
*State Convention:* 1<sup>st</sup> place: Acrylic Painting, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Talent, Colored Pencil Drawing, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Campaign Skit, 4<sup>th</sup> place: Quiz Bowl.
- Future Business Leaders of America:  
*State Convention:* 11 students place 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 students place 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 students place 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- FBLA named Most Outstanding Chapter South Carolina.
- Naval Junior ROTC Rifle Team placed 8<sup>th</sup> nationally.

### School-Based Student Enterprise

- Exceptional Students operate Jacket Espresso Coffee Shop.
- Culinary Arts Students prepared food for The Sage Valley Junior Golf Invitational.

Visit NAHS website:  
<http://nahs.acps.schoolfusion.us/>

## Community Service

Students and faculty donated tens of thousands of dollars to local charities and nearly two hundred pints of blood. Our student service organizations volunteered thousands of service hours to the local community. The National Honor Society held an expo linking students to community agencies in need of volunteers to further our student involvement with community organizations.

## Goals for 2013-2014

As part of the school's continuous improvement plan, NAHS has set the following goals:

- 1) Continue to implement Common Core State Standards through a focus on assessment through writing.
- 2) Focus professional development on academic motivation for those traditionally not motivated to learn.
- 3) Continued focus on communication with students and parents and public relations in the community.

## Update on School Facilities

Phase I of VII phases for rebuilding NAHS on the present location will begin in 2013-2014. We will soon have an ultra-modern Science and Business technology-equipped building that should house students by the Spring of 2015. To learn more, please contact our Aiken County School Board members.

## In Appreciation

NAHS greatly appreciates the strong support of the North Augusta Community in furthering the academic and athletic excellence of our students. Suggestions for

improvement of our school program are always welcome.

## SIC Members for 2012-2013

### Parents:

*Will Barnes- SIC Chairperson*  
*Dea Baldwin*  
*Eddie Butler*  
*Tim Butler*  
*Edie Corley-Stone*  
*Freddie Grimm*  
*Joy Murdock*  
*Mary Anne Park*  
*Gwen Spivey*  
*Male/Demetria Stokes*  
*Lana Thomas*  
*Rebecca Wall*  
*Trina Johnson - PTA President*

### Students:

*Maddie Myers*  
*Allie Jacobs*  
*Patrick Lynn*  
*Ben Carter*

### Community Members:

*John Felak*  
*Sandra Martinez*  
*Lauren Virgo*  
*Judy Whaley*  
*Dr. John Younginer*

### Faculty

*Charles Bell*  
*Kathy Gambill*  
*Rick Gill*  
*William Hudson*  
*Todd Bornscheuer*

***Congratulations to all members of the 2012-2013 School Improvement Council for being awarded a State Honorable SIC's in South Carolina!***

The SIC has monthly meetings which are open to the public. If you are interested in serving on the SIC please contact Mr. Bornscheuer.