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Encouraging the Pursuit of Higher Education!



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Morningside's School Improvement Council Mission

Working as an advisory body to the principal, the SIC helps to improve student achievement by providing information to stakeholders and promoting the school's progress.

The Single Gender Academies @ Morningside Middle School

ARMS (Advancement and Refinement of Men for Society) and EXCEL (Excellence in Creativity and Leadership) Academies at Morningside Middle School are unique in their structures. Scholars learn in a single-gender environment throughout the day. They have co-ed social opportunities during and after school which include pep rallies, after school tutoring, and incentive socials. Morningside Middle School aims to promote the well-being of each and every scholar that enters through its doors. It is this commitment that has enabled the single gender academies to succeed and demonstrate how *"We Set The Standard"!*

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Morningside Middle School

**2013 Annual Report
to
Parents**



"Excellence Is Our Standard"

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County SCHOOL DISTRICT

Message from the SIC Chairperson

The Morningside Middle School Improvement Council is proud to announce that we had another very exciting year.

The principal of Morningside Middle School worked well with the members of the SIC to ensure that the role of the council is fulfilled in helping to continue to move the school forward with advisement in planning and implementing effective programs and projects that directly affect student achievement, parental involvement and school-community relationships. With the consistent commitment to excellence, the school report card reflected significant gains in areas that indicate that Morningside is making strides towards success. Our scholars are definitely taking ownership in their education and working closely with a group of professional educators that provide them the tools to make their education pay off.

The school continues to make literacy our top priority by incorporating it throughout the various curricula. We have instituted numerous intervention programs that offer remediation and extension to learning. These programs consist of the Voyager Reading component, Reading and Math Essentials, a daily 60 minute flex period which offers small group instruction based upon scholar reading and math levels, additional assistance through after school tutoring with teachers, and a Saturday Academy. Our scholars also take the Reading and Math Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and district benchmark tests three times each year so teachers are able to get reports and use the data to further drive their daily instruction. This year, Morningside has an **average** improvement rating and a **below average** absolute rating. It is with this that Morningside Middle has made significant gains and is no longer categorized as an "at-risk" school.

The SIC also sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for families within the community. The SIC continued to be instrumental in planning "F.A.S.T. Poetry Night" and "Jazz with the Principal". The absolute culmination of our year will be the Third Annual PASS Bowl in which scholars from around the area will converge at North Charleston High School to showcase their hard work as they prepare for the annual state exam in May.

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George White

Morningside's School Improvement Council Members

- ◆ Mr. George White, Chairperson
- ◆ Mrs. Lillian Davis, Parent
- ◆ Ms. Tanisha Powell, Parent
- ◆ Ms. Tyshieka Wright Parent
- ◆ Ms. Lashawna Reese, Parent
- ◆ Mrs. Shirley Berry, Community
- ◆ Mr. Kenneth Gerald, Community
- ◆ Mr. Ryan Johnson, Community
- ◆ Mr. Frank Russell, Community
- ◆ Ms. Geraldine Johnson, Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Elizabeth Kennedy, Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Angie Grimes, Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Sherrel Brown, Parent Liaison
- ◆ Ms. Shaniqua Gold, Bookkeeper
- ◆ Dr. Joseph Williams, Principal
- ◆ Ms. Stephanie Flock, Assistant Principal
- ◆ Mr. Herbert Singleton, Assistant Principal
- ◆ Ms. Shari Kinney, Assistant Principal



Points of Pride

- ◆ College Tours
- ◆ ESEA rating of "C"
- ◆ Decreased Out-of-School Suspensions
- ◆ Increased Report Card Growth Rating to Below Average
- ◆ Increased Parental Involvement and School Satisfaction
- ◆ Community of Reader's Home Award-Winners
- ◆ Junior Civitans
- ◆ "The Academy" Afterschool & Saturday tutoring
- ◆ Single-Gender Academies
- ◆ Math and Reading Interventions
- ◆ SAIL (Gifted and Talented Program)
- ◆ Health & Wellness Initiatives
- ◆ Community in Schools Initiative
- ◆ IZLC Math Bowl Champions
- ◆ IZLC Spelling Bee Champion



Dr. Joseph Williams, Principal and
Dr. Nancy McGinley, CCSD Superintendent



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