



**Developing Leaders For Tomorrow!**



**Encouraging the Pursuit of Higher Education!**



**Promoting Parent Education!**



## 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.*

### **ARMS & EXCEL Academies**

#### **@ Morningside Middle School**

ARMS (Advancement and Refinement of Men for Society) and EXCEL (Excellence in Creativity and Educational 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.

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## **Morningside Middle School**

*A "Palmetto Gold Award" School*

**2014 Annual Report to Parents**



**"Excellence Is Our Standard"**

Dr. Joseph Williams, Principal  
Ms. Stephanie Flock, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Herbert Singleton, Assistant Principal  
Mr. George White, Assistant Principal

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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 and fulfilling year.

The principal of Morningside Middle School worked well with the members of the SIC (School 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 scholar 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 makes 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 Math and Reading component, a daily 45-minute flex period which offers small group instruction based upon student reading 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.

With constant advisement from the SIC, the school's PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program continues to develop more opportunities for scholars to receive incentives as they demonstrate positive behavior academically and socially. These incentives: co-ed socials, Honor Roll and MAP testing celebrations, Kona Ice treats during PASS testing, Halloween carnival, Winter carnival, Spring carnival, and the End-of-the-year Morningside Carnival are just a few of the rewards that scholars enjoy for their positive contribution to the culture of Morningside Middle School.

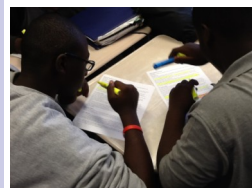
The SIC also sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner for families within the community. The SIC continued to be instrumental in planning "Jazz with the Principal", the MMS Talent Show, and F.A.S.T. Poetry & Reggae Night. The absolute academic culmination of our year will be the 4th Annual PASS Challenge Bowl in which scholar from around the area converged at North Charleston High School to showcase their hard work as they prepare for the annual state exam in May.

Lashawna Watkins  
SIC Chairperson

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## Morningside's School Improvement Council Members

- ◆ Mr. Lashawna Watkins 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. Deirdre Pearson, Teacher
- ◆ Ms. Sherrel Brown, Parent Liaison
- ◆ Ms. Shaniqua Gold, Bookkeeper
- ◆ Dr. Joseph Williams, Principal
- ◆ Mr. Herbert Singleton, Assistant Principal
- ◆ Ms. Stephanie Flock, Assistant Principal
- ◆ Mr. George White, Assistant Principal



## Points of Pride

- ◆ Palmetto Gold Award
- ◆ ESEA Rating of B+
- ◆ Excellent Growth Rating
- ◆ College Tours
- ◆ Increased Report Card Growth Rating
- ◆ Increased Parental Involvement and School Satisfaction
- ◆ "The Academy" Afterschool & Saturday tutoring
- ◆ A variety of Clubs and Activities
- ◆ Unique Single-Gender Academies
- ◆ Math and Reading Interventions
- ◆ Health & Wellness Initiatives
- ◆ 2013-14 Girls' Basketball champions



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



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