#### **Updated Activities**

- BHS will initiate the Advancement via Individual Determination, AVID, program. AVID works to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career. AVID utilizes research-based strategies and curriculum to develop students' critical thinking, literacy, and math skills across all content areas.
- 2. Continue the implementation of a comprehensive guidance plan and academic curriculum guides to meet the needs of our students.
- 3. Continue *Response to Intervention* (RtI). Our RtI program is now standardized district wide. RtI is a state policy which offers students additional help to succeed in the classroom, both academically and behaviorally. This process is independent of special education and is not designed to replace that process; it is to help all students across the board perform to the best of their abilities. We now have an established across-the-district plan to identify and track students in need of classroom intervention.
- 4. Continue to implement the *High Schools That Work* (HSTW) program to insure that all students are receiving a rigorous and relevant curriculum.
- 5. Implement a renewed commitment to the South Carolina State Standards and the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate. We will continue to emphasize college and career readiness.
- 6. Continue a literary partnership with Blacksburg Primary School and Blacksburg Elementary School.

#### **Updated Needs Assessment**

- 1. Provide a safe, secure campus for students and staff.
- 2. Develop a positive Public Relations system for communicating successes and needs to parents and the community, as well as creating a positive brand for BHS.
- 3. Teach soft skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and interview skills.

4. Improve availability and use of technology through implementation of our district's high school 1:1 initiative.

# **Blacksburg High School**

# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS



Mr. Craig Bramlett, Principal

#### **Assistant Principals**

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Mr. Michael Mullinax

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Coach Robbie Blanton

#### **Director of Guidance**

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The mission of Blacksburg High School is to ensure all students are provided with empowering and rigorous opportunities to thrive in academics, athletics, and the arts in a safe and nurturing environment in order to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

## **School Community Achievements**

- 1. The graduation rate for the BHS Senior Class of 2015 was 88.7 %.
- 2. Numerous BHS students earned football honors during the 2014 football season. Brent Owens was chosen All-Area for Football. Jordan Rodgers, Brent Owens, Alonso Davis, Kwame Sutton, and Elijah Rodgers were also selected as All-Region. All-Area Academic selections were Grayson Nix, Shane Sweatt, Josh Norman, and Jerrod Willis. We were named Spartanburg Touchdown Club's Team of the Week for the Week of August 21, 2015. Brent Owens was further chosen as ESPN Hawg of the Week. Gaffney Ledger Live Players of the Week were Alonso Davis, Marcus Mease, Antoine Wilson, Jordan Rodgers, and Isaiah Burris. Our athletic department was awarded the High School League Sportsmanship Award on August 26, 2015.
- 3. BHS had an exceptional basketball season this year. Our Boys' Varsity team won the District Championship and was proceeded through Round 3 of post season play. They were selected as a Spartanburg Herald Journal's Team of the Week, and Malique Parker and Jordan Rodgers were chosen as Players of the Week. Malique Parker, Jordan Rogers, and Jacorey Teamer were named All-Region. Malique Parker was further selected to play in the FCA All-Star game and named to the 2A All-State team as well as being chosen as Region Player of the Year. Hunter Wright was awarded first team for All- Area Academics for having the 5<sup>th</sup> highest GPA in the whole region. For our Varsity Girls' team, Ciarra Pittman and Makayla Martin were chosen as second team All-Academic.
- 4. The Blacksburg High School Wildcat Marching Band placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Upper State Competition this year with an Excellent rating. The Marching Band went on to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Competition with an Excellent rating. Alex Hampton, Maya Ferguson, and Noah Dixon were invited to the Winthrop Invitational Band Clinic. The Limestone College Honor Band members from Blacksburg High School were Noah Dixon, Maya Ferguson, Alex Hampton, Timothy Sarratt, Hunter Lanier, Raleigh Kennedy, Jeffrey Jones, and Maria Prizzi. Maya Ferguson, Alex Hampton, Hunter Lanier, Marilyn Turner, and Daryl-Brooke Kirby were chosen for Region Band. This spring, the BHS Concert Band earned an Excellent rating at the SC Band Director's Association for their Concert Performance Assessment.

5. Mrs. TiLesa Ham was selected by her peers as the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year for Blacksburg High School.

#### **Performance Goals**

- 1. Blacksburg High School continue the 1:1 Initiative where all students in grades 9-12 will receive a laptop computer to be utilized both in the classroom and at home. Classroom teachers will strive to utilize this technology on a daily basis.
- 2. Teachers will continue to participate in staff development sessions to expand and enhance knowledge of the revised State Standards including the application of Project Based Learning.
- EOC, SAT and ACT composite scores will improve, as we strive to meet or exceed state and national averages. Scores will show improvement over scores reported in the previous year.

# School Improvement Council Members 2014 – 2015

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Parent representatives are elected each spring. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact BHS at 206-2378.