



# Chester Senior High School Annual Report

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## 2011-2012 Student Council Executive Officers

President: Jasmine Jackson      Vice President: Brandon Gallman

## CHS Receives A \$10,000 Grant for Courtyard



### Courtyard Project

The School Improvement Committee has been working on building a courtyard for students to enjoy at CHS. The courtyard will create a space for students to gather. South Carolina DHEC has awarded the school with a grant to purchase trees for the area. The school received \$10,000 from the Lutz Foundation.

**Mr. Chris Johnson**  
**2012-2013 Teacher of the Year.**

## Chester High School Holds Parent Day



Parent Day was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Chester High School. The day was spent in classrooms and at lunch which helped parents gain a better perspective on their student's school day. It also revitalized their involvement, and they made a connection with teachers that they can continue to build on for the future. Approximately 50 parents attended Parent-Student Day, and the exit data was highly favorable and positive. This event served as one of the many positive functions CHS uses to reach out to parents and the community at large. Education is an evolving enterprise, and CHS works very hard to embrace the challenges and opportunities inherent in a global market for ideas.



Chester High School has once again experienced a banner year. Numerous milestones were achieved and the tradition of excellence was carried on. Our semi-annual parent day grew to include over seventy-five parents who attended school with their children on March 2nd. The School Improvement Council was successful in securing a grant for \$10,000 from the Lutz foundation for renovations to the courtyard. In addition, the SIC began work on funding for a much needed conference room.

The Chester High School Army JROTC program earned the "Army JROTC Honor Unit Distinction." Honor Unit Distinction is the highest category for unit recognition. The CHS cafeteria received a perfect score of 100% cleanliness by DHEC twice this year.

Chester High Athletics continued their winning traditions with two state Champions in Wrestling, Dominick Davis and Terence Gore, and three North/ South Wrestlers, Tony Patton, Dominick Davis, and Terence Gore. In addition, CHS athletes received sixteen SCHSL Scholar Athlete Awards. Joe Conlan was named Co-Region Coach of the Year. Business partners in Chester, Founders Credit Union, TruVista, and the Chester County Natural Gas Authority, financially sponsored Chester High School's new athletic score board sign.

CHS continues its efforts to improve the first attempt HSAP passage rate by offering strategies classes in ELA and Math. Our objective is to improve AP scores through tutoring sessions and extended hours for the computer lab was realized when AP scores improved from last year. We look forward to a continuation of this progress in the coming year.

The purpose of the Annual Report is to report to parents the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. The report is developed to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

## JROTC Recognition

The Chester High School JROTC Color Guard participated in the annual Chester Region Veterans Day Ceremony. The Chester High School JROTC Cadet Battalion participated in the annual Christmas Holiday Parade in downtown Chester on 27 November 2011. The cadets also provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony. The Chester High School JROTC Battalion conducted its Annual Military Ball on March 24, 2012 at the Lancaster Country Club. Over 20 cadets were recognized for their achievements in academics, physical fitness, and citizenship. The cadets are also performing a service learning project in May 2012 in cooperation with Chester State Park.



## CHS Cafeteria Receives Two Great Scores

The CHS cafeteria received a perfect 100% health inspection score by DHEC twice this school year. CHS would like to thank our manager, Ms. Lynda Hunter, and the dedicated dietitians for their hard work.



**Wrestling Accomplishments**  
Dominique Davis and Terence Gore placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their division in the State Championship for Wrestling. Terence Gore took 1<sup>st</sup> at the 120 lb weight class, Dominick Davis took 1<sup>st</sup> at the 152lb weight class, and Tony Patton took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state at the 132lb weight class.

## New Conference Room Added

The School Improvement Council is in the process of creating a conference room for teachers, parents, and students. This room will provide an environment to enhance and promote effective communication among all stakeholders.

## CHS Book Club

In order to promote literacy and the intrinsic rewards gained through reading for pleasure, the Chester High School Book Club, led by the school's media specialist, Dr. Conrath, meets regularly each nine weeks. For students who complete the club's requirements, they can receive extra credit in a class of their choice, and they are eligible to participate in a special luncheon where they discuss books they have been reading.

### OBJECTIVES

Increase first-attempt HSAP passage rate.

Improve AP scores.

### STRATEGIES

Use strategies classes and extra assistance for students who are behind.

Afternoon tutoring sessions and extended hours for the computer lab.

### PROGRESS

Strategies classes in ELA and math were continued.

Scores are up from last year.

## School Improvement Council

Teachers: Faye Culp & Lee Willard

Students: Jasmine Jackson & Brandon Gallman

2011-2012 TOY: Tara Park

Ex-Officio: Karen Kerr & Jeff Gardner

Parents: Angie Eppers & Evelyn Chambers

Appointed Members: Chad Branham, Luke Cameron, Calvin Reynolds, and Hardin Boyd



## Mission Statement

Chester High School strives to create a safe and nurturing environment where students are encouraged to develop academic, social, and emotional competencies. To this end, we are committed to developing creative, independent students who are prepared to contribute to local, national, and global societies.