



# Chester Senior High School Annual Report

**April 27, 2011**

**Mr. Jeff Gardner, Principal**

## 2010-2011 Student Council Executive Officers

President: Danielle Meadow

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## High Schools That Work Technical Assistance Team Visits CHS



Following the HSTW Technical Assistance Team visit on February 17, Chester High School received a positive review. According to Mr. Gardner, the committee described the report as "glowing."

## Chester High School Holds Parent Day



Parent Day was held on April 7 at Chester High School. Several parents took advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the classes their children take and to familiarize themselves with the new parent portal access connected with PowerSchool. Using this program, parents can now stay more connected with their child's grades and attendance record. Parent Day was also beneficial because they were able to see, in context, what a regular school day is like at the high school level. Many parents know what school was like when they were in high school, but curriculum trends changed and technology requirements are now more integral and sophisticated than there were even five years ago. Seeing what a typical school day is like for young adults was a good learning opportunity for parents.

**Mrs. Tara Park**  
**2011-2012 Teacher of the Year.**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

*Once again, this has been a year of celebration at CHS. The students and faculty of Chester High again received numerous awards in academics, athletics, and other extra-curricular activities. Many of our students have been accepted to major Universities and many have received scholarships in athletics and academics, including Tyreke White, who received a full scholarship to Harvard University. The athletic department received one of the highest awards from the South Carolina High School League by receiving the Sportsmanship Award for Region 4 AAA Athletics. Numerous athletes were region and state champion and represented CHS with pride and grace. The School Improvement Council continued their efforts to redesign and refurbish the student courtyard area, The SIC raised a significant portion of the cost of the project and grants are being pursued to aid in funding most of the remaining cost. Parent day was a big success, and great insight was gleaned from exit surveys of the parents. The SIC was also instrumental in the acquisition of numerous businesses which have partnered with Chester High to donate food and profits. 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 at the War Memorial Building on November 11, 2011. Many local Veterans, representing our Nation's military services, were in attendance and were recognized for their service to the Nation. The Chester High School JROTC Cadet Battalion participated in the annual Christmas Holiday Parade in downtown Chester on 28 November 2010. The cadets also provided the Color Guard for the opening ceremony. The Chester High School JROTC Battalion conducted its Annual Military Ball on April 2, 2011 at the Lancaster Country Club. Over 20 cadets were recognized for their achievements in academics, physical fitness, and citizenship.

### 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 has also applied for over \$10,000 in additional grants. :

Eight wrestlers qualified for the state tournament. CHS took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state overall.

Gemila Washington received "Best Drum Major" at the Henry Laurens Invitational.



**CHS Receives Grant Money**  
Chester High School has received over \$3,000 from PP&G school grants.

Dr. Russ Conrath served as the Olde English Consortium Library/Media Chairman this past October.

### 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 6% from last year.

### School Improvement Council

Teachers: Faye Culp & Tara Park

Students: Danielle Meadow & Brandon Gallman

2010-2011 TOY: Andrew Dean

Ex-Officio: Karen Kerr

Parents: Angie Eppers & Evelyn Chambers

Appointed Members: Chad Branham, Luke Cameron, Calvin Reynolds

### Tyreke White



Tyreke White received acceptance to Harvard University with a full scholarship.

## 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.