

Opportunity

- **Lunch with Leaders**—Local businesses send representatives to eat lunch with Seniors and present on their profession. Some sessions were held on location such as with Senators and Representatives at the State House.

- **School Visits**—Middle School students took part in Career Day Activities with many community members, businesses, and associations.

- **College Advising** – Through a grant with J. Marion Sims Foundation and Furman University, Great Falls High School welcomed JaKayla Lynn as College Advisor.

- **College Visits**—Juniors and Seniors participated in college fairs and visited several colleges such as: The Citadel, Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Francis Marion University, University of South Carolina Upstate, Wofford University, Winthrop University and several others.

- **Scholarships**—Graduating Seniors compete for numerous local scholarships to aid in college expenses.

- **Technology**—All students (6-12) have access to computers. All students have laptops and access to the internet daily.

- **Career Preparation**—Students at Great Falls High School have the opportunity to take courses at Chester County Career Center focusing on an area of their choice.

- **College Preparation**—Students have the opportunity to take dual credit classes through USCL, York Tech, and/or Winthrop for college credit and AP courses on campus at Great Falls High.

Student Activities

Clubs/Organizations

- BETA Club
- Student Council
- FCA-Middle/High
- Spanish Honor Society
- Academic Challenge (6-12)
- FHLA
- JROTC
- JR. BETA Club



Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Football
- Softball
- Cross Country
- Track
- Cheerleading
- Golf
- Volleyball



Arts

- Band
- Chorus
- Art

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Annual Report to Parents

April 23, 2024

Palmetto Gold/Silver Award

Silver 2011-2012, Silver 2012-2013,
Gold 2013-2014 Silver 2014-2015,
Gold 2014-2015

U.S. News and World Report
selected as a **Best High School in**
South Carolina: Bronze Award

School Improvement Council Membership:

President: Alex Fair

Parent: Alex Fair

Parent: Robbie Yarbrough

Student: Chris Kirkland

Community Member: Sharon Yarbrough

Community Member: Millie Ferguson

Ex-Officio: Dr. Jamal Sanders

Ex-Officio: Shareeka Worthy

Ex-Officio: Suzanne Hough



ACHIEVEMENT



GITI Tire Math and Science Competition

Great Falls Middle School Giti Tire Club won 2nd Place in the middle school competition this year. Great Falls High School placed 3rd in the high school competition.



South Carolina School Report Card Data			
GFHS		GFMS	
Overall	Average	Overall	Average
Academic Achievement	Below Average	Academic Achievement	Average
Preparing for Success	Unsatisfactory	Preparing for Success	Unsatisfactory
College/Career Readiness	Average	Student Progress	Average
Graduation Rate	Excellent	School Climate	Below Average

Achievement

Beta Club Recognition – Congratulations to our Senior Beta members and sponsors for receiving national recognition! Great Falls High School has been selected as a National Beta School of Distinction by the National Beta Club! This honor is given for Beta Clubs striving towards academic achievement, exemplary character, demonstrated leadership and service to others, and by increasing their enrollment by more than 10%!



Academic Challenge competitions with our high school team making it to the finals in their division for the third year in a row.

Red Devil Café Reading grant allowed the Media Center to devote a quiet reading room for students and an area for the book club to meet.

College Day activities - each teacher showcased their college for students during the day while seniors participated in college application completions.