

## School Achievements

NHMS made progress for the sixth consecutive year in Absolute & Growth ratings.

New Heights Middle was awarded with Palmetto Gold! This award is given by the S.C. State Department of Education to schools for high levels of academic achievement and high rates of improvement.

### Jr. BETA Club

NHM students embody leadership and academic success at the State Level.

*B.R. Hatcher*, S.C. Junior State Reporter Elect  
*Tommy Eubanks*, S.C. State BETA Essay Winner

NHMS Jr. BETA Club also inducted 31 seventh graders this year.

### Duke TIP Scholars

*Cody Haigler*

### Broadcasting/News Team

Our Hawk News/Broadcasting Team continues to provide students with service learning credit and experience in our school newsletter with a full page publication quarterly in the local newspaper.

Our Broadcasting team produces a daily news show that broadcast school-wide providing daily and special announcements.

### Service/Community Learning

Students earned **Service learning credits** for working in the Hawk Supply Store, Media Center, Hawks News and Broadcasting Team. **Community service credits** were earned for assisting with PTO Family Nights.

## SIC Members

**Our Goal is to become Nationally Top Ranked...**

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### Purpose of this Report

*This Report is issued by the NHMS School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

## New Heights Middle School

Annual  
School Improvement Council  
"Report to the Parents"  
2012-13



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Cristy Gusler, Teacher of the year

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**Home of the Hawks!**

## Mission Statement

We at New Heights Middle are committed to providing all students with a quality education so that they may learn responsibility, respect, and personal worth which will enable them to lead productive lives in an ever changing society.

## Community

- Career Day featured 42 Speakers
- St. Jude Math-A-Thon
- St. Jude Children's Hospital
  - Each month a St. Jude child is sponsored, students and faculty donate pocket change throughout the year.
- Art Boerke Memorial
  - Students and faculty made donations in memory of Art after his sudden death (author of *Feline Pie*)
- Food Drive & Thanksgiving Meals
- Relay for Life
- Saturday Academy
- Beta Convention
- Christmas Concerts
- Hawks for Building Hope
  - Students raised money for Sandy Hook Elementary after the school's tragic loss in 2013. The money went towards building a playground and funding a scholarship in memory of the students.
- Hawks News Team
  - The team continued the partnership with Pageland Progressive Journal for the 2012-2013 school year.
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- Hawks Broadcasts Team
- Kiss a Pig Candidate
  - Over 900 tickets sold with all donations going to Chesterfield County First Steps programs
- Pennies for Patients

## Student Achievement

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Spelling Bee Winner- Genna Rivers

Geographic Bee Winner- Genna Rivers

District Poetry Contest  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner - Destiny Pate

Talent Show Winner  
1<sup>st</sup> Place- Genna Rivers

## PTO Title 1 Family Nights

### *Tools Parents Can Use*

September 13<sup>th</sup>

- Attendance 150+
- Ask the Principal
- Title I Annual Update
- Career Guidance
- Explanation of PASS Scores & Raising Student Performance

### *Bullying and Violence*

December 6<sup>th</sup>

- Attendance 100+
- Bullying and Violence
- Community Resources / Youth Development / Survey Results
- Characteristics of Real Friendship

### *Tools Parents Can Use*

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Attendance 125+
- Summer School and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridge
- Athletic Information
- Summer Reading & Common Core

### *Family Fun*

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Attendance 300+

## School Climate

100% of the New Heights faculty is satisfied with our facility and our school's learning environment.

81% of parents are satisfied with our school's learning environment.

The satisfaction of the NHM Family of parents and faculty can be attributed to: School Uniforms, User Friendly Environment, and our Up- to -Date Media Center and Production Studio. WOW!

## Additional Information

Welcome New Teacher

Anne Mueller, Sixth Grade ELA

A Special thanks to Our Drama Club for the presentation of "Practically Peter Pan"!

Black History Month Program

Dr. Rev. Jerry Corbett, Community Member

Veterans Day Program

Master Sgt. William Kelty, ROTC Central High

Our 6th Grade continues to work with ALEKS, a math computer program, which was piloted in 2011-12.

NHM Media Center received 1000 new book.

NHM Media Center upgrades technology with ten new I pads.

## THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR:

Hawks Mascot, Chorus, Student Council, Jr. BETA Club, Band, Guitar Club, Guidance, Media Center, Cafeteria, Staff, Administration, Faculty, BETA Step, Cheerleader, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Softball, Track, and Golf Teams.