

Setting the Tone

The school year opened with an exciting assembly with the focus of the year presented by Principal Cannon being *Educate, Explore, Empower*.

EDUCATE students through a robust curriculum offering focusing on rigorous state standards

Allowing students to **EXPLORE** this curriculum through more authentic learning experiences

EMPOWERing students to be owners of their learning and being agents of positive change

School-wide Assembly with Motivational Speaker Chris “SHEP” Shepherd, When you need a new view, “turn the other way.”

The C.L. “Shep” assembly was inspired to have the students on the right track. Principal Cannon had in mind by bringing Shep to talk about things he has done in the past, the tough times and the good things that happened when he put in the work. Indeed, it was inspiring to students. One student stated that Shep taught him much about courage and that being able to encourage yourself is important to learning leadership in the long run.



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Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Colleton County High 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.”

Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2019-2020



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Our Mission Statement

Colleton County High School and Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center (TCTC) will prepare every student to graduate with a 21st century education to be globally competitive for their chosen college and/or career path.

SIC Annual Goals

This year the SIC's major goal was to connect more with student organizations and support students who were involved in community service activities.

We are pleased with the collaboration and the accomplishments of such groups who were active in our Colleton County community:

Our NJROTC who participated in the following events.....

- Yemassee Shrimp Festival Parade
- Veteran's Day Parade
- Christmas Day Parade
- Martin Luther King Parade

They also participated in cleaning up the Live Oaks Cemetery. NJROTC had over 560 hours of school support (Money Matters, Back to School kickoff, Homecoming Escorts, High School Expo, etc.) and over 1000 hours of community support.

Our Health Careers Academy who through our Health Science program.....

- Were able to get CPR certified, and they also had the opportunity to conduct job shadowing in a healthcare area of interest
- Partnered with Lowcountry AHEC to give interested students the opportunity to learn more about different careers
- Participated in the club HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), which allowed them to network with other schools and compete at the state level in various health science categories

(SIC Annual Goals cont.)

Our National Honor Society who volunteered in several different capacities.....

- Fall Festivals at Forest Hills, Hendersonville,
- Bells and Cottageville Elementary schools.
- Winter Festival at Northside Elementary
- Colleton County Animal Shelter
- Colleton Courtyard Assisted Living Center, as well as local churches
- Teacher Cadet Program
- Read Aloud Day at the elementary schools and Dr. Seuss Day

Our School Guidance Department who assisted with.....

- Registering eligible seniors for Palmetto Fellows
- Conducting College Application Day with over 200 students of the Class of 2020 completing college applications
- Hosting College Goal Night for the Class of 2020, supported by USC-Salkehatchie's Office of Financial Aid
- Conducting Virtual Job Shadowing Day
- Red Ribbon Week Activities supported by The Colleton County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- The Money Matters Symposium, supported by local businesses, banks, county leaders

Assessments

This year our state assessments were interrupted as a result of COVID-19 school cancellations. All students during the 2019-2020 assessment cycle were not able to take their state assessments. We have several indicators that the students of CCHS were prepared to make

Student Achievement

improvements in their achievement levels as compared to previous years.

Additional Information

The Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic had a devastating impact on our global society. There is no country in the world that has not experienced great disruption to the daily operations of their society. Our Colleton County Community has experienced great interruptions from our normal routines and has also had great loss as well. While our students will never be able to regain milestones missed as a result of the abrupt end of the school year that occurred. We stand united and resolve that through collective commitments to adhering to the guidance of our scientific community, we will beat this virus and be even stronger than we have ever been before.

GO COUGARS!

