



Summerville High School

**A 2012
Palmetto Gold
High School**

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2011—2012

The purpose of this report is to provide vital information about our school to all of our stakeholders so that we can be informed collaborators in making Summerville High School the best school in the state of South Carolina.

Mission Statement:

Summerville High School will provide a safe, nurturing, and challenging learning environment that encourages and prepares all students to be lifelong learners and caring, productive citizens.

Important Numbers:

**Administration
(873.6460)**

**Transportation
(873.6196)**

**Guidance
(821.3923)**

**District Office
(873.2901)**

**Scholarships
(821.3923)**

**Athletics
(873.4350)**

Asst. Principals:

Valerie Blunt
Brooks Harlow
Michelle Leviner
Lessie Penn
Brion Rutherford
Steven Steele
Lynne' Watson
Will Wilson

Message from our Principal, Burdette "Buddy" Chapel

We are PALMETTO GOLD!! At Summerville High School, our goal is to excel at every endeavor, in every aspect of school life. Our stakeholders make a commitment to be the best they can be, which in turn makes SHS an award-winning school. We are blessed with students, parents, business partners, coaches, teachers, staff, and leaders within a supportive community that make us a respected school across the state of South Carolina.

Our School report card reflects our steady gains in many areas, including more students meeting requirements for LIFE Scholarship, fewer students dropping out, more parents attending conferences, and a stronger character education program. We strive every year to exceed our previous year's performance. We attribute our most recent gains to tremendous efforts in student leadership, professional learning communities, at-risk intervention plans, and parental involvement.

Our focus for the 2011-2012 school year was the promotion of student involvement in all areas of school life. We expanded our Student Leadership program, which sponsored an all-day pep rally at John McKissick Field, fund drives for Breast Cancer Awareness and the Luke Shamblin Cancer Fund, a banquet for our custodians, and a campus-wide clean-up day. Furthermore, we have encouraged students to participate in school-related activities because we believe that these interactions help to insure that students want to be in school and want to graduate with their peers.

At SHS, our students come first, and we are extremely proud of their many accomplishments this year. The following are just a few of the those achievements:

Athletics: Region Champs in Varsity Boys Basketball, Softball, Volleyball, & Women's Cross Country
Wrestler Jordan Wigger 4-time State Champion in wrestling
Quest Team: Won 8 individual awards and placed 3rd overall

Beta Club/Tri-M:

Participated in Relay for Life, American Cancer Society

Student
Government:

*Named a top 10 American Red Cross Donor
Raised money for Cystic Fibrosis
Participated in the SES Leadership Day*

Fine Arts:

*Dance Company won gold medals in Dance Challenge
Color Guard & Percussion Ensemble won State
Symphonic Band received all SUPERIOR Ratings at Concert Festival
Theatre won 11 Awards at State
Choral groups took top honors at Music Festival
Visual Arts students won a large number of awards in drawing, painting, sculpture and photography competitions*

Other:

*WAVE-TV has a top 10 video & Superior Rating
Engineering Classes won 2 awards at State
Fashion Students are making hospital gowns for preemies at MUSC
SHS students have earned almost 90 math Units in the APEX lab*

SHS is a great place of learning. We pride ourselves on our ability to prepare students for post-secondary opportunities. This would not be possible without the support and dedication of all of our stakeholders. Thank you to everyone who plays a part in our continued success.

Sincerely,

Buddy Chapel

2011–2012 Initiatives & Strategies for School Improvement:

GOAL 1: To support the district and school goal of an 82% graduation rate. “Gold Cards” were given to students who scored high on both HSAP assessments “Gold Cards” have invigorated student efforts and resulted in 92% HSAP pass rate. Incentives included designated express lunch line, edible treats, and entertainment opportunities.

GOAL 2: To sponsor a “day of caring” to address needs at SHS. Nov. 19 was set aside as Day of Caring with PTSA volunteer group; ROTC; Leadership and additional Clubs on hand to support Fall Cleaning efforts. PLANT club followed with refurbishment of bold living Summerville “S” emblem in front yard of school.

GOAL 3: To sponsor morale builders for faculty. We sponsored a teacher celebration during our Teacher-of-the-Year program and during Teacher Appreciation Week.

GOAL 4 To continue teacher appreciation efforts. We will help to sponsor the annual Teacher Appreciation Week at SHS with donated gifts.

GOAL 5: To increase student and business partner involvement on the committee. Student involvement has increased dramatically with empowerment of Leadership classes. A Fall Pep Rally embracing the movement of all students to the off campus stadium was instrumental in creating student impetus for Green Wave Spirit. This event was the first undertaking of its kind in the state and corralled around support and effort of the school district, neighboring schools, transportation department, teachers, administrators and students. Public was invited to attend. The largest Homecoming Population met at the Pre-game Bon Fire and Parade with the assistance of local businesses. Together we celebrated Summerville High Schools selection as America’s Best Small Town High School.

GOAL 6: To sponsor efforts to place flat screen televisions in the cafeteria and hallways to showcase students and their accomplishments. Flat screen televisions have been installed with the aide of the PTSA. Daily announcements from WAVE TV replayed; student activities are advertised; student of the month is recognized; teacher pride is shared. Placement of TV's make consistent communication available to all students through student information and the Green Wave Cafeteria.

Additional Strategies to Promote Student Success:

- We continue to provide a Freshman Academy and various other teaming situations to promote student achievement.
 - We continue to promote SAT/ACT workshops and honors, AP, and dual credit classes to prepare students for college.
 - We continue to provide a variety of credit recovery opportunities for students who are behind in their classes or in the number of credits earned toward graduation.
 - Each department on campus posts a tutoring matrix to apprise students of available help from teachers before and after school.
- We continue to implement a full-scale HSAP and EOC preparation program involving year-long practice in a computer lab, incentives, and rewards to enhance student preparedness and attitude toward these programs. Teacher mentors have been established for seniors identified as “at risk.” Expectations are to reclaim significant percentages of the identified seniors by May 2012. Ninth grade academy remains in place with improved efforts to continue 9th grade success. Implementation of collaborated discipline SIP’s have been created to encourage student mastery of content.

Summerville High School Data:

HSAP (Exit Exam) First-Time-Attempt Pass Rate ...81.9%

- On-Time Graduation Rate.....70.8%
- EOC Pass Rates (% scoring 70 or above)
 - Algebra 1.....86.3%
 - English 1.....76.4%
 - Biology.....80.7%
 - U.S. History.....67%
- Enrolled in Advance Placement Classes.....24.3%
- Eligible for LIFE. Scholarships.....34.3%
- Scholarships Awarded in 2010.....\$8,323,700

Special Honors and Awards:

- Teacher of the Year and district finalist: *Dr. Tina Handlos*
- Rookie of the Year and district finalist: *Ms. Toni Davis*
- Guidance Counselor of the Year : *Mrs. Miranda Knight*
- STAR Performer of the Year: *Mrs. Betty Gregg*
- SHS PTSA recognized as # 1 in South Carolina for THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR!!

- PTSA President *David DuBose* won State PTSA Volunteer of the Year for 2012.
- Theatre Teacher *Kathy Keber* won 2012 Communication Arts Award given by the SC Theatre and Speech Association.
- *Coach Greg Elliott* and *Coach Teresa Kendle* were named Region Coaches of the Year.

Fast Facts:

- Enrollment as of 4/20/2012.....2860
- Rated EXCELLENT on School Report Card
- SACS Accredited
- Member of High Schools That Work consortium
- Home of Coach John McKissick, winner of The 2011 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year!

SIC Members:

Kelly Walker, SIC Chair
 Buddy Chapel, Principal
 Lynne’ Watson, Assistant Principal
 David DuBose, Ex-Officio (PTSA Rep)
 Paige DiMuzio, Parent
 Michelle Kieber, Parent
 Kelly Kennedy, Parent
 Robin Pye, Parent
 Aundretta James, Community
 Tanya Robinson, Community
 Scott Turner, Community
 Leslie Gilreath, Faculty (TOY)
 Michael Knotts, Faculty
 Laura Hendrick, Faculty
 Melonie Hazelton, Faculty
 Avery Causebrook, Student
 Sean Dudley, Student
 Leo Brandon, Student