

# SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2012-2013



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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD PRINCIPAL KENNY FARRELL

What a great year for Summerville High School! We rated EXCELLENT/EXCELLENT on our school report card and received a PALMETTO GOLD rating from the State Department. We are certainly celebrating our successes, but we remain focused on making our students the best they can be before we send them to college or into the career of their choice. Our goal is to equip the leaders of tomorrow with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and habits they need to help our country maintain its reputation as the land of opportunity and prosperity.

The leaders in our school, empowered by enormous support from Dorchester District Two

and the Summerville community, proactively seek new and additional ways to provide our students with opportunities and inspiration for success. We promote a strong athletic and fine arts program to motivate students to be involved in their school. We offer a wide variety of academic courses and programs to give every student something to fit his or her needs and dreams. However, we are never satisfied with what we have done: every year we search for new ways to reach students and propel them to a life of prosperity. Plans are currently underway to implement new programs next year to include an "Accelerate" Engineering

Cohort, a STEM Engineering Academy, Early College, and Middle College. We intend to be EXCELLENT and GOLDEN for a long time!

Despite the challenges of our modern society and financial hardships that come with an unstable national budget, Summerville High School remains dedicated to doing what we do best: educating the children of Summerville. May we long have reason to be triumphant and proud.

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

#### Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Summerville High School is to provide a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment which prepares and encourages all students to be lifelong learners who are caring, productive citizens.

#### SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Enrollment as of 4/2013: 2,702  
HSAP First-Attempt Passage Rate 81.9%  
On-Time Graduation Rate 72.1%  
EOC Passage Rates  
♦ Algebra I .....84.0%  
♦ English I .....76.0%  
♦ Biology.....82.7%  
♦ U.S. History .....67.0%

#### WE ARE CONNECTED!

Students and parents connect with us at  
Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/shsgreenwave>

Students and parents receive text alerts at

**SHAC...**The Summerville High School Athletic Club is an all-sports booster club formed that will work on projects that benefit all of our student athletes.

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

- ♦ Stephanie Alford
- ♦ Valerie Blunt
- ♦ Brooks Harlow
- ♦ Trey Hodges
- ♦ Michelle Leviner
- ♦ Lynne' Reeves
- ♦ Jennifer Tracy
- ♦ Will Wilson

## 2012-2013 Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement:

**Goal 1: To increase supervision and security in the junior lot.** As a committee, we asked Mr. Farrell for help cleaning this area up and adding some security to deter minor vandalism and pranks. Mr. Farrell addressed by getting trees and shrubs cut and by redirecting security cameras to cover a wider area in the parking lot. Furthermore, he added additional daily supervision in that area. Our interest and concern in the junior lot has brought about increased awareness for this year and likely will result in further changes for next year.

**Goal 2: To host parent information sessions to increase parent involvement in SHS.** A wide variety of infor-

mational meetings were held to offer parents an opportunity to find out about the programs offered at SHS.

**Goal 3: To continue Teacher Appreciation efforts.** SHS along with its PTSA and SIC will continue its tradition of celebrating our teachers and increasing teacher morale by hosting a series of events during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6th – 10th). Scheduled events include breakfast for teachers in the workrooms, 2 different lunches for teachers, small gift packages for all teachers, and a “raffle” of gifts donated by SIC members and their friends, family, and the businesses that they patronize in the SHS community.

## Additional Strategies to Promote Student Success:

- ◆ Ninth grade students have an advisory period four days of the week for tutoring. Additional grade levels will be added in the future.
- ◆ We continue to provide credit recovery opportunities for students who are behind in their classes or in the number of credits needed for graduation.
- ◆ Each department posts a tutoring matrix to inform students of tutoring opportunities before and after school.
- ◆ Teacher mentors have been assigned to seniors identified as “at risk.”
- ◆ School wide Student Improvement Plans have been created to encourage mastery of course content.

## Special Honors and Awards:

- ◆ Marcellus Holt - Guidance Counselor of the Year
- ◆ Jennifer Roberts - Teacher of the Year and district finalist
- ◆ Ian Dillinger - Rookie Teacher of the Year and district finalist
- ◆ Ashton Padgett - Rookie Teacher of the Year and district finalist
- ◆ Cathy Baker - Star Performer of the Year

## A Sample of Our 2012-2013 School Achievements:

- ◆ Summerville High School was one of 19 Dorchester District 2 schools to be awarded “Gold” status by the State Department of Education. The other 2 schools in the District earned “Silver.”
- ◆ Summerville High School students have participated in and been successful in a variety of academic events and competitions, including Quest, the Winthrop Model United Nations Competition, several essay-writing competitions, and Robotics.
- ◆ Through our service clubs and organizations, SHS students have participated altruistically in such events as Relay for Life, Breast Cancer Awareness, and several blood drives.

- ◆ Summerville Navy JROTC cadets earned several awards from Naval Education and Training Command, scholarships and an appointment to West Point.

### Athletics:

- ◆ SHS Coach Comp McCurry named the 4-AAAA South Carolina High School Coaches Association Strength and Conditioning.
- ◆ Coach Darryl Tucker received Region 8-AAAA Coach of the Year

### Guidance:

- ◆ Summerville High School has received the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation.

### Fine Arts:

- ◆ A sampling of awards include: winner of black and white photography at the Coastal Fair, Orchestra Superior rat-

ing, winners at piano competitions, winner in Artist Guild Scholarship, awards at the SC Speech and Theatre Association Competition in theatre.

- ◆ The Summerville High School Dance Company competed in Lexington, SC at the Encore! Dance Competition and had division and overall winners.
- ◆ Our inter Guard won state championships and world semifinalist competitions.

## Career and Technology Education:

- ◆ Wave TV Crew has top 10 video the SC Young Filmmakers Award and excellence rating from the Southeastern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA).
- ◆ Second place winner in Technology Champion Competition.

## SIC Members

Kelly Walker, SIC Chair  
Kenny Farrell, Principal  
Lynne Reeves, Assistant Principal  
Debbie Holt-Long, Ex-Officio (PTSA Rep)

### Students:

- ◆ Leo Brandon
- ◆ Renee Bourgeois
- ◆ Avery Causebrook

### Parents:

- ◆ Paige DiMuzio
- ◆ Sherry Ensley
- ◆ Michelle Keiber
- ◆ Kelly Kennedy
- ◆ Robin Pye

### Faculty:

- ◆ Laura Hendrick
- ◆ Donna Hogg
- ◆ Melonie Hazelton
- ◆ Jonathan Rushin

