



## Annual School Improvement Report to Parents 2024-2025

### Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on Gregg Middle School's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the School Improvement Council, and other accomplishments during the school year. GMS has a continued commitment to ensuring every student, we serve, will learn in a safe, structured learning environment that promotes student growth, achievement, and character development. We know healthy relationship building is the foundation for a safe and successful learning environment. That is why we are constantly working to strengthen partnerships with our parents, business partners, and community members.



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### School Improvement Council Members 24-25

**Elected Members:** Charlotte Drinkard (Chair), Shattuck, Mallory (Parent), Hartley, Megan (Teacher), Molly Owens (Teacher)

**Appointed Members:** Danny Garnette (Community Member), Kevin Kelley (Community)

**Ex-officio Members:** Alice Kelley (Principal), Danielle Kafina (Assistant Principal), James Helton (Director of Counseling), Ackerman, Angie (Other)



**Regular Attendees:** Rachelle Hall (Parent), Lakyn Hall (Student), Sadie Drinkard (Student) Chase Taylor (Student), Lisa Smith (School Counselor)

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## About Us

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Gregg Middle School exists to provide an environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Together, every day and in every way, we help all students reach their potential in all aspects of learning.

### VISION STATEMENT

The Gregg Middle School community will provide a safe, structured learning environment to promote high expectations for student achievement and character development to encourage success.

### SCHOOL HISTORY

Gregg was originally built in 1974 to serve as the ninth and tenth grade campus of Summerville High School in Summerville, South Carolina. The school was named after Mr. John W. Gregg. Mr. Gregg dedicated his life to public education after graduating from Claflin College where he received his Bachelors of Science and South Carolina State University where he received his Masters of Science. He was a teacher and principal at Alston Middle School from 1970 to 1974. He later served on the administration team and as an assistant principal at Summerville High School. Unfortunately, injuries he sustained in an auto accident forced him into early retirement. In his honor, this school was dedicated to him on September 25, 1988, almost one year after he passed away.

In 1997, after additions were completed at Summerville High School which would allow for 9th through 12th graders to be on the same campus, Gregg was renovated and officially became Gregg Middle School, home of the Mustangs. In the summer of 2014, more renovations were completed

on the Gregg Middle School Campus, including a state-of-the-art Front Entrance and Welcome Center, new roofing, and air conditioning in the Gymnasium. As the largest middle school in Dorchester School District Two, we currently serve approximately 1,200 6th through 8th graders, while maintaining a student-centered learning environment that supports individual student needs and promotes a family atmosphere.

In March of 2015, after intense competition among the 256 middle schools across the state, Gregg Middle School was named Palmetto's Finest Middle School.



### **GMS Admin Team**

Danielle Kafina, Beth Stillinger, Alice Kelley, and Trey Hodge (from left to right)



### **Blackout Friday**

7th Grade teachers participating in Blackout Friday, channeling their inner Secret Service Agent.



### **GMS Volleyball Team**

October 2024 District Championship Game, our girls placed 2nd!

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## **School Improvement Council Goals/Strategies**

### **SIC Annual Goals**

- 1. To enhance the beautification through various aspects and locations throughout Gregg Middle School campus.**
- 2. To continue improving school culture and climate among teachers, students, parents, and the community through Title One and the Parent Engagement Events throughout the school year promoting collaborative relationships.**



Gregg Middle School's School Improvement Council continuously monitors all programs to ensure we are providing a quality educational environment. SIC will continue to acknowledge and support Gregg Middle School through Grit, Grace, Gratitude and Growth!

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## **School Achievement**

### **Fine Arts Accomplishments:**

- Lego Club continuation from last year's implementation attended 3 competitions this academic school year. Gregg the Builders won 1st Place in the Robot Performance and continued onto Regionals
- Vex Team Robotics 4 different teams attended 1 competition. Winning the Sportsmanship award.
- GMS Dance conducted 4 performances Choreography Showcase, Dance recital, District Dance, Choreography Showcase
- GMS Chorus conducted multiple performances throughout the academic year FALL Sep 28th: District Honor Choir performance, Oct 13th Summerville Italian Feast, Nov 8th GMC Veterans Day, Dec 3rd Winter Chorus Concert, Dec 6th Fall Piano Festival, Dec 9th Winter Piano Concert
- GMS Band participated in 4 performances throughout the year. 5 students participated in marching band with ARHS, 5 students were chosen for SCBA region band, 1 student participated in SC All-State Orchestra, 1 student participated in SCBDA All State Band, 70 students participated in Honor Band/Concert Performance Assessment
- 8th Grade Steel Band participated in the Festival of Steel
- All of our programs held public performances to showcase accomplishments throughout the year. For example, Third Thursday, Flowertown Festival, and Italian Festival.
- GMS Orchestra had a 20% growth membership from last year! Orchestra conducted multiple engagements to include performance at Italian Feast Performance, Spooktacular Performance, Veterans Day Concert, Winter Concert at SHS, CPA Performance, Carowinds Music Festival, Student participation in Summerville Youth Phil and Junior Phil, Student Participation in Pathway, Participation in Solo an Ensemble, Spring Concert at SHS
- GMS Multilingual Learner Classes worked on Cultural Exploration Projects to be able to share their culture through presentations by collecting data on cultural aspects of their country, specifically dance.
- Digital Literacy Intro to Media tech implemented a weekly "Mustang Media" where students produce, record, and present local weather, sports, upcoming events in the local area, and school updates.

### **Health and Wellness Committee Accomplishments:**

- Official opening of our employee wellness room - GMS staff have a safe space to promote their own health and wellness. Staff has been able to fit in physical fitness into their busy schedules before or after school.
- Garden Club continued to bridge our Farm to Table experience, and this year included the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade core academic support science classes.
- Utilized school-wide data to support the need of a Health Room Assistant to best serve our students each day.

### **Athletics Accomplishments:**

- GMS Girls Volleyball Team attended the district competition taking 2nd place as the District Runner-Ups
- Volley Coach Brittany Carter was named "Coach of the Year"

- GMS Student Makena Woods named "Player of the Year"
- GMS Wrestling Team attended the district competition 2nd place District Runner-Up
- Girls Basketball Coach Selena Britt-Keitt named "Coach of the Year"

#### **School-Wide Accomplishments and Engagements:**

- Quinn Roth- GMS 6th Grader is the 2023-2024 Spelling Bee Champion for GMS and went on to the District Competition.
- Hosted Veterans Day Program produced by school counseling and the fine and performing arts teams, honoring our local community Veterans. Guest Speaker Matthew Scheulen United States Air Force.
- MAP Incentive Parties to celebrate academic growth of our students, Food Trucks, Snacks, Jump Castles, Music, other Activities.
- Held Reality Town with over 60 community volunteers who assisted with exposing our 8th graders to budgeting a monthly income and prioritizing their needs and wants to better prepare them for the real world. Students took on the life of a 30-year-old with a career based off of interest and GPAs. SHS leadership students led middle school students through activities in their classrooms to help prepare for high school.
- Continuation of Beacons and Leading Ladies mentoring groups, these students met regularly throughout the year with their adult community mentors.
- Academic Overtime Tutoring Program continuation see picture below for summer school percentage decrease. Weekly reports of student data were pulled and brought in for additional support.
- Sunshine Committee Program to support Staffuly schoolwide, birthday shout outs, additional support for absent teachers, motivation and encouragement throughout the year for Staffuly with snacks/drinks/notes.
- ABC See you later next year, Staffuly and students participate in 26 days of fun themed attire. Anything But a Cup, Dress Like a Student, Black Out.
- GMS Stampede STEAM AND STORIES- literacy and steam exploration night.
- CANVA Winners: Krista Cummings, Javier Rojas Ocana, and Neamayah Harrison.
- Summerville HS STEMFEEST winners: Research Project (1st) Caroline Glass, (2nd) Lily Pyle, (3rd) Zakaria Farmer Bottle Rockets (1st) Krista Cummings, (2nd) Atticus Enfinger, (3rd) Xander Abella.
- Thursday Treats for Staffuly: Departments took turns hosting lunch/treats/drinks every third Thursday of the month.
- High Five Fridays- Each Friday a different department or Staffuly group was recognized throughout the year with High Fives and positive written notes from other staff and students.
- Received a 4th "School Culture Builder Award" in partnership with the Jostens Renaissance Education group.
- Hosted Be Pro, Be Proud Mobile workshop. 53 Foot 18-wheeler featuring hands-on simulators for commercial driving, forklift and heavy equipment operations, and additional VR experiences for construction trades and diesel tech for 8th grade students.
- Vision to Learn partnered with GMA providing access to eye care. Vision Screenings were conducted for all students utilizing medically appropriate tools. Students identified with a

vision loss and/or impairment were provided 2 pairs of glasses free of cost.

- Implementation of Josten's Renaissance to improve school culture.

### Media Center Highlights:

- Hosted Breakfast and Books in correlation with the Fall Book Fair.
- Hosted the Stories and STEAM even in correlation with the Spring Book Fair where we also had coding robots, bookmark crafting, poetry picnic, collaborative writing, scavenger hunts, healthy snacks, fish printing, and board games.
- All students have library access during all lunch and courtyard times.
- Added books to the library collection to meet the state's book-per-student requirement.
- Collaborated with teachers in every grade to develop information literacy skills and support the curriculum through class visits and instruction.
- Created literacy-based lessons to encourage reading various genres of literature.
- Created makerspace stations throughout the library for students to work collaboratively and creatively.
- Implemented the Beanstack reading program to encourage reading.

## ACADEMIC OVERTIME

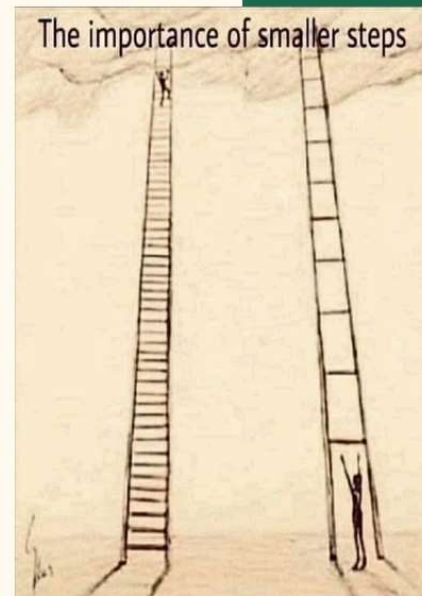
### NO ZERO, MUSTANG STRONG!

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QUARTER  
RECOVERY

SUMMER  
SCHOOL  
191, 147, 84

INTERVENTION



Academic Overtime Implementation contributed to summer school attendee decreasing from 191 to 147, to this last year 84 students.





## GMS Special Education Team High Five Friday Recognition

Departments and Groups Recognized: Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, Special Education, Bus Drivers, Assistant Principals, FARAPA, Custodial and Cafeteria Staff, School Resource Officer, Maintenance Worker, Media Center



## Lego Team

Second Year the Lego Club implemented Ms. Israel and volunteer Mr. Sean Brennan have supported our GMS students.



## STEM Fest 2024

7th Grader Gateway to Technology class competed in the gliders competition at the SHS Career and Technology Center and they placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd!



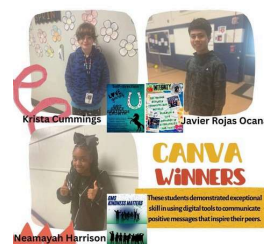
## Vision To Learn

Several students who received 2 glasses free provided for all students at GMS if identified with a vision loss.



## Reality Town

BIG THANKS to all our community member volunteers coming out to help guide our students into future careers embracing money and time management, making healthy choices for themselves, and seeing the meaningful ways they can contribute to their communities.



## Canva Winners

3 Students were chosen demonstrating their exceptional skills in using digital tools to communicate positive messages that inspire their peers.

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## What Does It Mean to Be MUSTANG STRONG?

- Focus on the positives, no matter the circumstance!

- Celebrate every victory – even the "small" ones!
- When facing obstacles, know we will get through them together!

Struggling is Acceptable

Falling is Acceptable

Crying is Acceptable

Quitting is Not

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

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**Alice Kelley**

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