

School Achievements

Girls' volleyball and basketball won their region.

Mrs. Kimberly Ray was named Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Jim Jackson was named Support Staff of the Year.

Tyler Johnson was the MMS Spelling Bee Champion.

Myschool SIC Members

*Chair: Mrs. Dana Morris, Parent
Mrs. Ramona Jackson, Parent
Mrs. Dawn O'Kelley, Teacher
Mrs. Ann Roberson, Parent
Mrs. Tonia Thompson, Parent
Mrs. Rebekah Trull, Teacher
Mrs. Amanda Barnes, Community
Mr. Curt Barnes, Community
Ms. Susan Vines, Community
Mrs. Mindy Clark, Asst. Principal
Mr. Derek Forrest, Principal*

Merriwether Middle School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2016-17



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Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Merriwether Middle 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."

Mission:

To engage, empower, and enrich today's students for tomorrow's world.

SIC Annual Goals

We continue to make it a priority to focus on technology and make it more available to students in the learning environment. Our teachers and students now have access to four mobile Chrome Book labs. The school plans to continue upgrading technology and offering new technological learning opportunities to the students. Merriwether Middle School uses staff email accounts, the PowerSchool online grade-book, and district/school web pages for communication with parents.

The faculty, staff, and administration at Merriwether Middle School are committed to providing the best educational experience for all students. Our commitment to increasing student achievement and the overall development of our students to become productive, life-long learners will be made possible by a collaborative effort of all stakeholders.

Student Achievement

The collaboration between our community, teachers, students, and administration has proven to be an excellent recipe for success. Eight eighth grade students were recognized as S. C. Junior Scholars. The Merriwether Middle School Honor Band had a banner year. As part of their many accomplishments throughout the 2016-2017 school year, the band program received an Outstanding Performance Award. This award is only given to the most outstanding bands in the state of SC. Of our students enrolled in Algebra I classes, 100% passed the end-of-course Algebra I exam. In addition, 100% of students enrolled in English I passed the English I end-of-course exam. Twenty-four sixth graders and twenty-eight seventh graders were involved in the gifted and talented programs at their respective grade levels. Forty-one eighth graders were inducted into the National Jr BETA Club.

Additional Information

The 2016-2017 school year saw the introduction of the Gateway class. Gateway is part of Project Lead the Way program that allows for project based learning. Through Gateway, students are allowed the freedom to build, create, and design to show mastery of various projects or activities. The program has been an overwhelming hit with students and parents at MMS.

During the 2016-2017 school year, MMS also welcomed a full time music teacher. This added position allowed students to experience music, drama, and chorus at a whole new level. Many students were introduced to piano and guitar through our music program. As with Gateway, our music program has been a hit with students and parents.
