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GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

**School
Improvement
Council**

Report to the Parents

**Our vision at BRHS is to create
a school where...**

Each student will feel that the curriculum has prepared him/her for college/workforce and is relevant, challenging and interesting.

The curriculum will always be expanding, never stagnant, and changing to meet the needs of the student.

Instruction will value student input and be enhanced with technology when applicable.

Varied methods of instruction will be used with emphasis on student involvement.

Instruction will be accurate, well-planned, professional and effective.

Each student will be assessed proportionately on content and skills taught in the instructional process and be aware of the expectations that will be assessed.

A variety of assessments will be used that are fair, accurate and require critical thinking.

Students, teachers and administration will feel pride and ownership in BRHS.

BRHS will be safe, clean, comfortable and provide an atmosphere conducive to learning.

BRHS's environment will reflect student accomplishments and will set the standard for all other schools in the Southeast.

2013 SCHOOL REPORT CARD

**Palmetto Gold Award
Recipient**

**Absolute Rating: Excellent
Improvement Rating: Excellent**



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Achievements

Congratulations to Blue Ridge High Academic Team with their excellent showing in the Clemson Tiger Throwdown tournament going 10-1 with victories over Irmo, Seneca, Southside, Daniel, and Eastside. The only loss was to Riverside in its last match.

Congratulations to all FBLA members that competed at the State Conference in Charleston. The following students qualified to compete at the 2014 National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this summer: Jaelyn Kellems, Ryan Teems, Taylor Holton, Savannah Reeves, Karlee Gibson, Abby Roth, Heather Fitch, Charlee Wilkerson, Marc Western, Mary Anna Case, Courtney LeHew, Jon Andrews, and Darrin Andrews,

FOOTBALL

Shane Clark was named The Greenville TD Club Coach of the Week in September.

BAND

(First Semester) Way to go Corps of Cadet! The BRHS marching band participated in the Harrison T. Elliott Band Competition in Landrum. The Corps dominated the night, taking top honors for Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, and Best Horn Line. The Corps went on to take first place in both their Class and Division categories. They also received a trophy for Best Band of the Competition. The Corps finished the competition with Mr. Grant winning the coveted Coolest Band Director award.

On October 5, the Corps of Cadets competed in the annual James F. Barnes Tournament of the Bands in Duncan, SC. The Cadets placed first in its class and took both the Best Drum Majors awards and the Best Horn Line Award. Overall, the Corps placed 2nd out of 26 bands. The Cadets also placed 1st at the 2013 AAA Upper State Championship and made the playoffs for the 19th year in a row. Congratulations to the Corps of Cadets, 2013 AAA State Champions! The band swept the tournament winning an overall effect, music performance, and visual execution. This is the 8th state championship for the Corps of Cadets. **(Second Semester)** South Carolina Band Directors Association Concert Festival was held on March 19. Not only did BRHS band perform in the most difficult classification (Grade VI), but they also received straight Superior Ratings by all five adjudicators. Receiving the highest state assessment possible is not common and is only achieved by a few elite programs across the state. Congratulations to these students, Mr. Brian Grant, and his staff for an amazing concert festival assessment performance and achievement.

STRINGS

(First Semester) Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned for Region Orchestra! Every student who auditioned was accepted. The following students were accepted: Lindsay Morales, Kelli Pentecost, Amy Barnette, Andrew Martin, Chase Arlege, and Abigail Williams. **(Second Semester)** Kelli Pentecost was named Principal violist in the Greenville County Youth Orchestra's Philharmonic Orchestra. She performed with the orchestra at the Peace Center on January 18, at Together We Make an Orchestra on January 22 at the Peace Center and at the Winter Orchestra Concert at Riverside High School on January 27. Congratulations to the BRHS string students who earned a Superior rating on March 14 at SCMEA Concert Festival. Members were: Wells Ballentine, Amy Barnette, Brooke Biondo, Jewel Emrich, Aleah Freeman, Madison Giles, Luke Johnson, Kasey Kemp, Rachel Lee, Kenadee Markham, Andrew Martin, Reid Miller, Lindsay Morales, Mary Kate Owings, Tyler Pittman, Hannah Rokala, Alexis Tuske, Cayla Weber, Chase Arledge, Shea O'Byrle, Kelli Pentecost, Logan Rollins, Kamryn Wofford, Titus Bennett, Bailey Black, Sara Cross, Cameron Fernandez, RJ Rogers, Sarah Livingston, Dylan Carnes, Miles Johnson and Abigail Williams.

CHORUS

On March 25, the BRHS Honors Concert Choir and the Honors Men's Choir traveled to Columbia, SC to compete in the 2014 AAA South Carolina State Festival. Nineteen choirs from across the state competed. The Honors Concert Choir placed fourth while the Honors Men's Choir placed first, giving the Blue Ridge Choral Program its 3rd state championship. Both choirs received overall Superior ratings in both performance and sight-reading. Of all 57 competing schools from across the state, regardless of school division, the Men's Choir had the 3rd highest overall score.

MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations to the NHS officers for 2013-2014: President Alyson Craig, Vice President Catherine Harvey, Secretary Karlee Gibson and Treasure Sullivan Skinner.

Student Council Freshman Officers were elected for 2013-2014: President Jake Holland, Vice President Marlee Daniel, Secretary Hayden Ehlich, Treasurer Campbell Davenport, and Freshman Representative Riley Varner.

Congratulations to the following students for being elected as officers of the JCL: President Marc Western, Vice President Grant Pcheny, Secretary Brock Cooper, and Parliamentarian Sydney Ogden.

Emily T. Gullette has placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMQT). Congratulations to Emily for this outstanding accomplishment.

BRHS is proud to announce that the school raised \$898.60 for the Cancer Society of Greenville. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Congratulations to Rachel Lee! Rachel is a Local Honoree for the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for her outstanding volunteer work in the community.

Congratulations to Caleb Cline, Blue Ridge High Junior, FFA President and Student at Bonds won the State in Skills USA in the area of customer service qualifying him to go to National Skills USA competition in June in Kansas City.

Blue Ridge High School is a recent recipient of a Palmetto Gold Award. Teachers, students, staff, and parents are commended for this high performance.

A big thank you to everyone who donated items to the FBLA Howl-o-ween Pet Photo Contest Drive. More than 150 items were collected for the Greenville Humane Society wish list and \$30. Each winner received a Halloween gift basket with a PetSmart gift card along with pet and human goodies.

Wal-Mart in Greer presented BRHS teachers with twenty \$50 gift cards and ten totes filled with school supplies. The manager Dana Hill awarded these items, and in August, Wal-Mart also provided the teachers and staff with a "Back-to-School" breakfast.

Thank you to all teachers and students who participated in the Red Ribbon Fundraiser for Greenville Family Partnership. BRHS raised \$433.25 towards drug prevention, education, and treatment. Mrs. Cox's class, first place, and Mr. Lowman's class, second place, received ice cream parties.

Congratulations to teacher Joel Perkin. His class was adopted by one of the AdoptAClassroom.org key corporate sponsors, JC Penney. He received \$100 grant to purchase supplies to create a more dynamic teaching environment for his students.

Congratulations to Dr. Moraes! She was selected as a tentative recipient of a 2014 Target Field Trip Grant. Target is on track to reach \$1 billion in giving for education by the end of 2015.

Thanks to all students, faculty, and staff who contributed to the Adopt-A-Family. BRHS student council was able to provide a Christmas to 5 families in the Upstate. With everyone's help, gifts and grocery cards for a total of 8 adults and 21 children were given out.

Congratulations to Joshua Harvey and Sarah Livingston who will receive recognition in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program in the fall of their senior year.

Congratulations to our BRHS ACE Award Winners: Jordan Mills and Victoria Hightower!

Congratulations to Mr. Perkin for being awarded Greenville County Science Teacher Association's High School Teacher of the Year!