

## OUR HISTORY

Bryson Middle School opened its doors as Bryson High School in 1954 at the old P. Meadors' homestead on approximately 86 acres. In 1970 with the federal mandate for school integration, buildings and student populations had to be re-configured. Ninth graders from Hillcrest High School then attended in Bryson's building, later becoming Bryson Center, while Bryson's seventh and eighth graders joined with Hillcrest Junior High.

In the fall of 1973 and after the building of an additional local high school, Bryson Center changed to a middle school to serve students in grades six through eight. Twenty years later in 1993, Bryson Middle School relocated to its current building, then recently renovated, which had formerly been Hillcrest High School.

Today Bryson Middle School is a regionally accredited public middle school serving grades six through eight. It is one of the largest of the nineteen middle schools in Greenville County with over 963 students and is adjacent to one of the county's largest high schools, Hillcrest High. Our school serves the cities of Fountain Inn and Simpsonville.



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Bryson returned to having a full PTSA Board during the 2022-2023 school year. The PTSA opened a school store and parents were in the building every other week to sale items to our students.

BMS PTSA Volunteers, Meet the Teacher, Veteran's Day Program, Chorus/Band/Strings Concerts, Curriculum Night, High School 101 Night, High School Credit Course Night, Music in our Schools, Field Trip Chaperones, and Quarterly Awards Ceremonies

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

*Chair: Warner Bouzek, Community Member*  
*Secretary: Micaela Sanders, Community Member*  
*Principal: Caroline Bohnenberger*  
*Travis Cash, Assistant Principal*  
*Kiara Lewis, Teacher of the Year*  
*Blair Simpson, Teacher*  
*Natasha Cummings, PTSA President*  
*Lauren Pitts, Parent*

## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

*"This Report is issued by the Bryson 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."*

## **BRYSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2022-2023**



## **INSPIRING EXCELLENCE**

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## SIC ANNUAL GOALS

### Goal One: Increase Student Engagement

**Actions:** Set up framework for student council to be more involved in school decisions, feedback from student groups to advise administration and SIC.

**Results:** Student council bylaws and election of officers and class representatives, and Top Dawgs quarterly student luncheons.

### Goal Two: Increase Neighborhood/ Community Involvement

**Actions:** School liaisons for each feeder school, 5<sup>th</sup> grade visits to local elementary schools, Trunk or Treat for community, “Fall for Bryson”, reintroduce mentor program with community members as mentors, and reintroduce business partners.

**Results:** Strengthen relationships with community (business, churches and local neighborhoods).

### Goal Three: Teacher Retention/Morale

**Actions:** Parent volunteers to assist teachers with specific projects, provide volunteers during lunches, discounts for teachers at our local businesses, supports for teachers from the community.

**Results:** Teachers feel more supported by the school and community which leads to them staying for longer periods of time at the school.

*Bryson Middle School is a learning community that inspires and supports academic excellence and social responsibility.*

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The data below is baseline data as this is the first assessment since Covid-19 ended in-person instruction in 2020. We will now use this data along with the 2021-2022 in-person scores to create goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

<i>SC READY 2022 Test Results</i>	
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Meets or Exceeds</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>39.6%</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>26.4%</i>

<i>SC PASS 2022 Test Results</i>	
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Meets or Exceeds</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>42%</i>

<i>English Learner's Progress</i>	
<i>% Met Proficiency Target</i>	<i>50%</i>

*For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*



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## CELEBRATE WITH US

- Bryson Middle School is a STEAM/PBL school with four BMS educators attending the National PBL Conference in California in 2022- 15 more staff will attend during the 2023 summer.
- Implemented learning remediation program, including After School Enrichment Programs
- Junior Achievement for a Day and Career Day for all three grade levels.
- Implemented PAWS Behavior System to increase consistency across all grade levels and encourage positive reinforcement.
- Our Junior Beta Club earned many awards at the 2022 Junior Beta Competition.
- High School Offerings for Algebra I, Geometry, Art 1, Band/Strings 1, Project Lead the Way, Spanish I and other virtual high school credit options.
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> Science scores exceeded Pre-Pandemic Scores