

## WELCOME!

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Myrtle Beach Middle School Improvement Council "SIC" has prepared this Report to Parents to share with you information about our school. This report provides information about the performance and culture of the school. Please contact the SIC with questions or concerns.

During the 2014-2015 school year, Myrtle Beach Middle School focused on fostering a safe and orderly environment where students, staff, parents, and community members worked side-by-side to build personal and collective character, to strengthen our school and greater community, and to work with laser-like focus to achieve high levels of scholarship.

Thank you for all you do to support our school.

**Janice Christy**, Principal

## Objectives

1. To have each student prepared to enter successfully his or her next level of learning.
2. To have each student achieve mastery of grade level established performance standards in an individualized learner program.

## LOOKING FORWARD

As we reflect on the 2014-2015 school year and as we look forward to 2015-2016, MBMS remains committed to the following core values:

- We put service to students above all else.
- We will continue to take responsibility for the success of all students.
- We will continue to care passionately about our work with children.
- We will continue to build strong, positive relationships with our students, staff, parents, and community.
- We will continue to model and promote civility and integrity.

Thank you for your support of our young people and our school.

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# Myrtle Beach Middle School



## School Improvement Council 2015 Parent Report

Seahawks lead with...

### Character Community Scholarship

**The mission of MBMS** is to inspire enthusiasm for education, to foster integrity in daily living, and to promote a vision for personal success.

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## Character



Character is a person's pattern of behavior, thoughts, and feelings that are based on principles, morals, integrity and the "line you never cross." Each morning, Project Wisdom is used to encourage students to make good choices, to interact respectfully, and to work hard. Interactive Lessons from Covey are taught three times weekly and require students to apply Covey's 7 Habits to real-life situations. Students and staff nominate members of the school community weekly for the Covey Student and Staff of the Week. To further promote the development of character, students earn Hawk Cards to purchase items in the Hawk's Nest (our student-managed school store), to enter into monthly drawings, or to gain admittance into school sponsored events.

## Community



Community is choosing to have harmonious fellowship with all people who belong to our school. We have diverse ways of thinking and acting, but we share a respectful, kindred spirit organized around our attendance at MBMS. This is the place where we all belong, as demonstrated through community service projects, clubs, fine arts, and athletics.



## Social

- Student council includes 11 students in government positions
- School dances
- Pennies for Pasta

- Helping Hands Food Drive
- Horry County Recycling
- Prudential Spirit of Community Award (community volunteers)
- Student food drive
- Leadership and Ethics Academy at CCU
- Seahawk Leadership Academy
- Horry County Spelling Bee and essay contests
- 30 FCA members with 16 participating in Dragon Boat Racing benefiting Ground Zero
- Watch D.O.G.S

## Fine Arts

- Art Programs included more than 360 students
- Lion's Club-sponsored International Peace Poster Contest included 30 MBMS students
- Penland School Crafts awarded a full scholarship study of ceramics to the MBMS Art teacher
- 172 Students in orchestra, 85 in band and 275 in Chorus
- Students performed at pep rallies, MB Rotary Club Meeting, Medieval Times, and civic events
- Students participating in the South Carolina Music Educators Vocalist Clinic
- 16 Students in All County Orchestra, 4 in All County Chorus, 1 in All County Band and 1 in Regional Orchestra

## Sports and Cheerleading

- 31 wins 0 losses in fall and winter sports
- Football : 7 wins 0 losses
- Girls' and Boys' Basketball : each 12 wins 0 losses
- Baseball : 5 wins 3 losses
- MBMS students also participated in lacrosse, soccer, golf, cross country, volleyball, weightlifting, spring fitness, softball, tennis, and swimming
- Cheerleaders included 18 students



## Scholarship



MBMS made great progress towards meeting the school-wide goal of 75% of all students meeting individual growth on NWEA's MAP assessments for language, reading, and math. Scholarship was enhanced this year through the use of blended learning – an instructional model emphasizing individual paths of learning for each student. Please note the following as evidence of increased scholarship at MBMS:

- 22 eighth grade students and 19 seventh grade students were inducted in MBMS BETA Club
- 30 students participated in the Horry County Technology Fair, with 19 students placing
- 8 students participated in Math Counts
- 169 students participated in National History Day, with students placing 1st and 3rd in the state competition
- 400+ students earned Alpha or Alpha/Beta levels of scholarship first semester
- 11 students were accepted to Early College High School, 23 were accepted to STEM, and 7 were accepted to the Scholars Academy
- 22 students were recognized as Junior Scholars
- 3 students were recognized as Duke Tip Scholars
- 93 students earned high school credit for Algebra I
- 60 students earned high school credit for English I
- More than 300 students met growth in all three MAP areas – language, reading, and math

In addition to these noteworthy accomplishments of our students, the daily culture of our school is focused on academics and hard work – we strive to be sure all students know that intelligence is not finite; rather, with motivation and effort, high levels of scholarship can be earned.