

## Student Opportunities

Middle school students are exploring and solidifying their personalities, interests, friendships, talents, goals, etc. MBMS strives to provide a consistent and safe environment where the unpredictable nature of the middle school mind is expected and accepted. Here are some of the programs we offer to support our young people:

- *Accelerated, general, and supportive classes*
- *Second Step Social Emotional Program*
- *Extended day academic assistance • Band, orchestra, and chorus*
- *Positive Behavior Support System • Genius Hour Passion Projects*
- *Rolling, flexible schedule*
- *Teaming (4:100 ratio)*
- *Student Government*
- *College trips (HGTC/CCU)*
- *Academic goal-setting*
- *Student-led Kitchen Table Conferences*
- *Daily recess*
- *Reading Incentives*
- *Rubik's Cube Team*
  - *B-team and JV football, baseball, softball, basketball, cheer*
- *JV golf, tennis, soccer, lacrosse*
- *Yearbook production*
- *Anime Club*
- *Gay Straight Alliance*
- *Robotics Team*
- *Bible class (off-campus)*
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

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## Myrtle Beach Middle School SIC Members

Parents are elected each year to the School Improvement Council and comprise the majority of the council. The 2020-2021 members and officers are as follows:

Chair: Chris Richardson, Parent  
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Vice Chair: Ashley Setzer, Parent  
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Shannon Bary, Parent  
Amy Wilkes, Parent  
Amber Long, Parent  
Denise Tindall, Parent  
Sunnie McGonigal, Parent  
Elizabeth Colvin, Teacher  
Ellen Alessi, Teacher  
Millie Deegan, Community Member  
Chrissy Mays, Community Member

The School Improvement Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the school year.

## Purpose of the Report

*This report is issued by the Myrtle Beach 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.*

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## Myrtle Beach Middle School Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2020-2021



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## **MBMS Mission Statement**

Myrtle Beach Middle School is an all-century learning community whose courageous members embrace growth, reflection, action, and accountability, practice integrity and respect the voices of all, reference yesterday, contribute to today, and prepare for tomorrow.

## **SIC Annual Goals and Updates**

As outlined in the bylaws, the SIC should assist in the evaluations of programs within the school. This was an exciting year at Myrtle Beach Middle School, and throughout the year the SIC discussed essential aspects of MBMS, as outlined below:

- MBMS South Carolina Report Card
- Team teaching
- Flexible Schedule
- Genius Hour
- Guidance Series / Social Emotional Learning
- IGP and Goal Setting Conferences

The SIC annual goal updates are as follows:

**Red Folders-** Red folders are distributed at MBMS at the end of the first 3 grading periods. These folders include important information for parents, including their child's goals for the year, report cards, test scores and explanations, as well as the popular "kitchen table conference" form, which outlines topics for students to discuss with their parents. Students bring these forms back, signed by a

parent, for a reward. These folders prove a valuable tool in keeping parents informed about their child's school lives.

**Incentive Programs-** The largest incentive program at MBMS is sponsored by the PTO. Students earn Hawk cards from teachers and can use those cards in the Hawksnest to buy various items such as school supplies, t-shirts or candy. MBMS also has a new game room, complete with board games and foosball. This popular reward has been used to encourage students to do their best both in and out of the classroom.

**PTO-** The PTO at MBMS was led by Sunnie McGonigal this year and the group provided tremendous support to the school. One member donated a large rock, and the "Spirit rock" is a fun way to share any kind of positive message. Parents or teachers can rent the rock and paint it to celebrate birthdays, accomplishments, or any inspiring messages. The PTO has generously donated proceeds from the rock to Juli's Closet this year.

### **Juli's Closet**

After Hurricane Florence hit the area last year, a woman named Juli sent Dr. Christy a check and simply said to do something to "help the kids". We had a lot of students who suffered quite a bit during the storm and we also have a large population of students who live in poverty. Dr. Christy had the idea to start a closet and she brought the idea to the School Improvement Committee to see if we could make it happen. We did. The SIC installed shelves, shopped, organized and opened the

closet. This year the SIC has continued its work with the closet, trying to find easy ways for guidance counselors to communicate needs and get items to students while protecting their privacy. We have secured several donations from our community this year, from parents, teachers, community members, churches, and even our own PTO. During the mandated school closure due to Covid19, Juli's closet provided groceries, hand sanitizer, and basic essentials to families upon request.

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### **South Carolina School Report Card Updates**

The South Carolina Department of Education rates schools in two major areas: academics and environment. Rating options are excellent, good, average and below average.

In the category of Academic Achievement, Myrtle Beach Middle School earned 53 points and a rating of Good. The excellent rating required 56 total points. Myrtle Beach Middle School is working diligently toward the highest possible academic rating.

In the category of School Environment, Myrtle Beach Middle School earned 8 of 10 points and a rating of Good. With 62% of our students indicating a high level of engagement with school, our goal is to increase that number each year.

To view the complete Myrtle Beach Middle School, please visit the [SCDOE MBMS Report Card](#).