

Continued Excellence

For the 2022-2023 school year, Wren Middle School earned a rating of EXCELLENT on the annual South Carolina Department of Education School Report Card acknowledging that our school's performance "substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate."

This year has once again been an amazing academic year for our students. Students continue to perform well on state and national assessments. This year we had 28 Junior Scholars based on how well they scored on the PSAT. Many schools struggle to have one Junior Scholar, but we are fortunate to have 28 this year. This is the most Junior Scholar students we have had at Wren Middle School for quite some time. This really exemplifies the high academic standards we have for students at Wren Middle School.

On top of strong academics, what really sets Wren Middle School students apart is how well-rounded they are with extra- and co-curricular activities. This is exemplified by our many students that were selected to the all-region Band and Choir, region and All-State Orchestra, robotics success, and countless art awards. Also we had 28 band solo and ensembles earn a Superior rating.

"To view the entire report card for Wren Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year, look for the "REPORT CARDS" section on the South Carolina State Department of Education website. www.ed.sc.gov."

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Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Wren 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."

Wren Middle School Annual SIC "Report to the Parents" 2022-2023



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Mission Statement

Wren Middle School will ensure all students achieve high levels of academic mastery and personal growth through collaborative learning communities.

Vision Statement

The Wren Middle School community is committed to being a top-performing school where all students are held to high expectations in preparation to lead and serve in a global community.

SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Wren Middle School will continue to maintain above average test scores on both the SCReady and EOC and secure a score of EXCELLENT once again on the State Report Card.

Goal 2: Wren Middle School will seek to become a Gold Award winning school through the SC Dept. of Education's Palmetto Gold and Silver School Awards.

Goal 3: The SIC will help support Wren Middle School with the implementation of MTSS and provide stakeholder input on the protocols and processes with the MTSS process. The SIC will be a sounding board for parental involvement and help with community assistance.

The SIC plays an important advisory role in the accomplishment of the above goals. The variety of input that the SIC provides is useful in making important decisions. Perspectives from inside the school (teachers and administrators) meet with perspectives of those outside the school (parents and community members). Together we discuss goals, allocation of resources, policies and procedures and direction and vision for Wren Middle School.

Student/School Achievements

2022-2023 was an outstanding year at Wren Middle School. Our students and faculty have been recognized for their accomplishments and our school continues to stand out as one of the best in the state.

Awards and Accomplishments:

1. The 7th Grade Girls Basketball C-Team won the AOP Division 1 Championship. The 8th Grade Girls Basketball C-Team finished as runner-ups.
2. Four Wren Middle School students had a perfect scores on the SCReady State Math assessment.
3. Aleyiah Dean, Elena Dean and Olivia Knott were selected for All-County Band with Aleyiah and Olivia being selected to the All-Region Band, as well.
4. The Wren Middle School Band earned a "Superior" rating in the state Concert Performance Assessment.
5. This year we started a new robotics team with the team placing well at many events with championships soon to come.
6. There were 21 participants in the All-District Honor Choir with seven earning a position in the SC ACDA All-State Middle School Honor Choir.

WMS Support Staff Member of the Year

Mrs. Cynthia "Renee" Verdell was awarded the Wren Middle School "Support Staff of the Year" which was voted on by her peers. Mrs. Verdell has been with Wren Middle School for seven years. She currently supports our students in the ISS setting. Beyond just helping students complete their work, she has created a reflection packet for students and provides students with a leadership packet to help students be their best selves. Mrs. Verdell has an uncanny ability to connect with students and develop a positive relationship with the students to help them set and meet goals. We are excited to celebrate Ms. Verdell with this award and thank her for her continued service to WMS!

WMS Teacher of the Year

Dr. Lisa Cobb, 7th Grade ELA Teacher, was awarded the Wren Middle School "Teacher of the Year" for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Cobb has been with Wren Middle School for the past 15 years and has 21 years of teaching. She recently finished her doctorate in curriculum and instruction. She utilizes her expertise in creating meaningful assessments for our students and she is on the cutting edge of best practices with instructional practices. One teachers stated, "*She is a wonderful team leader who works hard to make sure that everything is ready for the coming weeks! She's an amazing mentor and friend!*" We congratulate Dr. Cobb on this award and we certainly feel fortunate to have her on our Wren Middle School team!