

Continued Excellence

For the 2021-2022 school year, Wren Middle School maintained a rating of EXCELLENT on the annual South Carolina School Report Card due to state testing not being scored (Covid-19). This distinguished mark acknowledges our school's performance "substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate."

Even through all of the Covid protocols and learning obstacles, this has once again been an amazing year for our students academically. Students continue to perform well on state and national assessments. This year we had 17 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 17 this year. 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 championship, and countless art awards. Also we had 17 band entries for the solo and ensemble competition.

"To view the entire report card for Wren Middle School for the 2021-2022 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" 2021-2022



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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 SCPASS 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 Covid-19 safety protocols by providing insight and feedback to school personnel in hopes of providing the safest learning environment possible and limiting the number of students quarantined.

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

2021-2022 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. Noah Johnston was the SCHSL 3A Individual State-Champion in tennis. *He is the first 8th-Grade boy champion.*
2. The 8th Grade Boys Basketball C-Team won the AOP Division 1 Championship. *This was the 5th straight trip to the finals.* The 7th Grade Boys Basketball C-Team finished runner-up.
3. Stella Cothran was selected to the All-Region and All-State Orchestra.
4. Brooklyn McDonald, Colette Schaalje, and Alli Sielicki were all selected for the All-Region Band.
5. The Wren Middle School Band earned a "Superior with Distinction" in the state Concert Performance Assessment (highest honor).
6. Emma Borden, Jonathan Coffee, Taylor Collins, and Jaden King were selected and performed with the All-State Honors Chorus.

WMS Support Staff Member of the Year

Ms. Joanne Sowinski was awarded the Wren Middle School "Support Staff of the Year" which is voted on by her peers. Ms. Sowinski has served our school for over 28 years. She currently supports our students and staff in one of our special education classrooms. Ms. Sowinski has such a positive energy which is infectious to all around her. She helps greet students each morning and always does so with a smile. She is a real asset to our school and our students. We are excited to celebrate Ms. Sowinski with this award and thank her for her continued service to WMS!

WMS Teacher of the Year

Mr. Marion Lawson, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, was awarded the "Teacher of the Year" for Wren Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Lawson is new to Wren Middle School this year, but has been a longtime educator within the area. Mr. Lawson has such a kind heart and everyone is better for their interactions with him. Mr. Lawson has a calming presence when working with his students and colleagues. His patience is unmatched and his students love him for that. You may never find a better role model than Mr. Lawson and we are fortunate to have him on our Wren Middle School team!