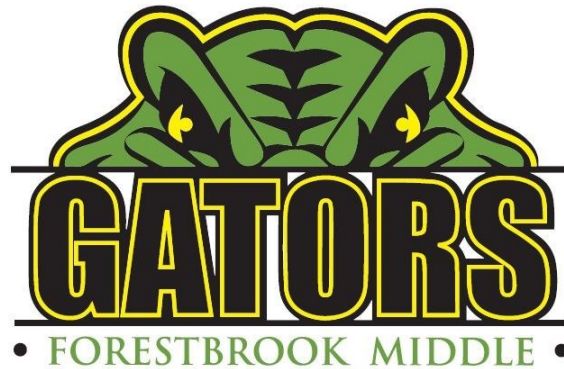


Forestbrook Middle School 2021 School Summary Report



2015 National Blue Ribbon School
2014 Palmetto's Finest School

School Mission

The Mission of Forestbrook Middle School, a nurturing family responsive to an evolving community, is to ensure that all learners are prepared for and committed to lifelong learning with integrity by challenging students with innovative curriculum, teaching with high expectations, and cultivating individual talents.

School Improvement Council

Connie Rogers (PTO President and Socastee Advisory Board Member), Scott Barnes, Allie Sheets, Rebecca Cisler (SIC Chair), Faith Powalie (SIC Secretary), Robert Kegler, Amanda Pidgeon, Amanda Tenney, Sheila Stalvey, Chad Horsley, Gussie Simmons

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Dear Forestbrook Middle School Gator families:

It is our sincere pleasure to share this annual school report with our school community. Forestbrook Middle School has high expectations and standards for our students, and our staff takes great pride in providing a safe and secure learning environment, while at the same time offering a wide array of exciting and challenging academic programs. Each year we are filled with pride as we watch our students grow and learn and become responsible young adults. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of students at Forestbrook Middle School, and we continue to work in partnership with our families and community to ensure our students' success. We know that having your support is an essential part of our success, and we thank you for all that you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable despite the many challenges we have faced as a community with COVID-19.

At Forestbrook Middle School, we have a proud tradition of excellence that is associated with being a SC State Department of Education Palmetto Gold/Excellent Ranked School, Palmetto's Finest and National Blue Ribbon award winner. Academically our students have continued to perform at high levels in all areas. In addition, our students and faculty have continued to excel both in and out of the classroom. We have provided opportunities for student success beyond the classroom through our clubs and activities designed to enhance the middle school experience and to foster individual talents. This year we have continued to implement effective personalized learning with Google Chromebooks and have supported our students' social and emotional needs through implementation of the Second Step curriculum. In all aspects of our school, we embrace our motto of "Excellence, Every Day, Everywhere!"

Thank you for taking the time to read this annual report and to celebrate the accomplishments of our school and community. As always, we appreciate your support of Forestbrook Middle School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Rutenberg
Principal

Mrs. Rebecca Cisler
School Improvement
Council Chairperson



2020-21 FMS Administration

Community and Parent Involvement

Free Food Distribution for Students Learning Virtually
Backpack Buddies—Year-Round Food Distribution for Students
Free Breakfast and Lunch for Brick-and-Mortar Students All
Year

Veterans Day Art and Writing Contests
Family/Business Donations to School: Over \$20,000

Charitable Fundraising and Donations:
FMS Angel Tree: Nearly \$1,200 in Donations Supported
Students and Families

United Way: Donations via Staff Payroll Deductions
FMS Polar Plunge Team Raised Nearly \$3,000 for Special
Olympics

Socastee Attendance Area Advisory Board
Bilingual School Correspondence
School-to-Work Initiative—100% of 7th Graders Participated in
Virtual Career Conference
Featured on WBTW, WPDE, WMBF; and in *Sun News* and
Post and Courier

Parent Survey
Parents' Nights for Sports Teams
Virtual Back-to-School Night for Parents and Students to Meet
Teachers

Active and Supportive PTO and School Improvement Council
WatchDOG Dads Parent Involvement Program



2020 Angel Tree Shopping



2021 Polar Plunge Team



Celebrate With Us!



Administration

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Academic Awards and Other Honors

2015 National Blue Ribbon School
Seven National Board-Certified Teachers and One National Board-Certified School Counselor
Nationally Recognized BETA School
Ten Junior Scholars
One Student Won SC Council on the Holocaust Award for National History Day Exhibit on Nazi Book Burnings
One Teacher Won SC Ingle Teacher of the Year Award for Junior Division
Two Students Qualified at HCS Competition to Compete at South Carolina State History Day Competition
Yearbook Named National Program of Excellence by Jostens
Teachers Presented at a Variety of State and National Conferences
Alpha/Beta Incentives
Students of the Week Recognition

Student Academic Activities

Black History Month—Writing and Art Contests and Displays
English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes
School-Sponsored Creative Writing and Art Contests
Student Writing and Art Created and Displayed for Veterans Day
Pi Day Events
After-School Extended Learning, Credit Recovery, and Band Tutoring Programs
LEAP Days Offered to Students in August
Virtual Battle of the Books
Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest

Extracurricular Activities

Archery Team
Basketball, Football, and Cheerleading Teams
Active Participation in Socastee High School Sports
Polar Plunge
Spirit Week, Red Ribbon Week, Holiday Dress-Up Days and Charitable Giving
Book Fair
Virtual Talent Show
Same Day, Different Pond Fishing Tournament

Life Skills

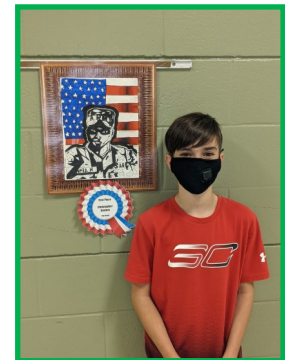
Guidance Department
Red Ribbon Week Activities
Drinking and Driving Curriculum
HTC Reel Kids—Recognition for Students Excelling Despite Incredible Challenges
Second Steps Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum

Clubs

Book Club and MakerSpace Club
Junior Beta
Yearbook Staff
Art Club
Gator Anglers
National Junior Art Honor Society



Same Day, Different Pond Virtual Fishing Tournament



Veterans Day Art and Writing Contest



Eighth Grade Chorus

Visual and Performing Arts, Communications

FMS Music Programs are Nearly 200 Students Strong
Five Students Qualified for All-State Chorus
Ten Students Qualified for All-County Chorus
Band and Art Students Participated in Outdoor "Amp Up Your Holidays" Event with Socastee Middle and High School
Student Won 2nd place for Youth Art Month National Art Education Association Eastern Division Contest
Student Won 1st Place for "Stop Domestic Violence" T-Shirt Design Contest
Student Artists Designed FMS Yearbook Cover, Title Page, and End Page
Sixteen Students Inducted into National Junior Art Honor Society

Art Students Participated in Art for Hope Fundraiser for New Directions Homeless Shelters at Miller Studios and Gallery in Myrtle Beach
Gator Marquee Provided by Student Council and PTO
FMS/FES Signs Provided by Hunters Ridge Subdivision
Sound System for School Provided by PTO
Hallway Video Monitors Display Student Activity Photos, Awards, Alpha/Beta Status
Blackboard/Parent Link System
Daily Parent Newsletter via Email, HCS TV-12
FMS Web Page, Facebook Page, Instagram, and Blog
Gator Guides, Career Ambassadors, and Greeters