

# Black Water Middle School

## Annual Report

### 2014-2015

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#### A Message From the Principal & SIC Chair

Dear Parents/Guardians and Stakeholders,

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by achieving greatness in academics, the arts, and athletics. We believe in the development of the whole child.

Black Water Middle School offers a strong academic program that offers students the opportunity to earn high school credit in the following courses: Algebra I, Geometry, English I, and Keyboarding/Computer Applications. Our staff development plan has focused on increasing student engagement using Kagan structures to promote and develop self-direction, work ethic, and interpersonal skills. Horry County Schools believes in developing world class skills and world class knowledge and has implemented a 1:1 personalized digital learning platform in a blended learning model. Our teachers and students have experienced success with technology tools that include: Achieve 3000, Aleks, Socrative, Edmodo, Achievement Series Assessment Program, Gizmo, Discovery Education, and iTunes University. We continue to drive instructional decisions using data that allows us to provide the very best learning environment for all of our students.

Our fine arts department does exceptional work. We offer the only middle school dance program in our county. Our fine arts students received a superior rating in the theater festival in 2014, 35 band students participated in Solo and Ensemble with 32 superior ratings. We have included a list of celebrations in this report. Black Water has much to be proud of as our students achieve greatness.

The students are the purpose of our work! Our school is a welcoming center focused on exceptional teaching and learning.

Thank you for investing in our children and supporting our school, we are eternally grateful.

Respectfully,

*Candace Lane*

Candace Lane, Principal

*Jennifer Ennis*

Jennifer Ennis, SIC Chair

## Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement 2014-2015

### Student Achievement Goals:

1. Seventy-five percent (75%) of students will meet their growth target as measured by MAP (Measures of Academic Progress ) in Math and Reading.
2. Eighty percent (80%) of students will score “met or exemplary” on Science PASS testing in 2014-2015
3. Eighty percent (80%) of students will score “met or exemplary” on Social Studies PASS testing in 2014 2015

### Academic Highlights

#### MAP Performance Spring 2014-2015

	% of students meeting target growth goals 2014	% of students meeting target growth goals 2015
Reading	44%	52%(+8)
Mathematics	53%	62% (+9)

#### PASS Performance Scoring “Met or Exemplary” 2013-2014

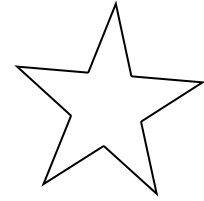
ELA	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
69%	69%	66%	74%	74%

#### End of Course Test Performance 2013-2014

	A's	B's	C's	D's	F's	Total #
Algebra I	57	17	5	0	0	79
English I	19	7	6	0	0	32

ACHIEVING GREATNESS IN ACADEMICS AND THE ARTS

## CELEBRATE WITH US



- 15 students were designated SC Junior Scholars by College Board
- 3 students were designated Duke TIP Scholars
- BWM Mock Trial Team advanced to state competition
- BWM Robotics Team advanced to state competition
- Math Counts Team had an individual winner to advance to the state competition
- 2 students won at regional and advanced to the state National History Day Competition, 1 student placed 3rd in state competition
- BWM students placed in the categories of 1st place web design, 2nd place robotics non-kit, 3rd minecraft pocket app, and 3rd place digital photography at the HCS Tech Fair
- Student Council raised over \$200 through Pennies For Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Beta Club members have exceeded 750 hours of community service and our major philanthropy outreach donated over \$1500 to Relay for Life/American Cancer Society
- 7 students made All-County Band with 3 students receiving 1st chair placements
- 3 students made All-Region Band with 1 students receiving 1st chair placements
- 32 band students performed 35 events earning an unprecedented 32 superior ratings at the state solo and ensemble festival
- 5 students made All-County Orchestra
- BWM 8th grade Choral students were chosen to perform for *Waves of the Future* , an HCS showcase of talent
- 15 students made All-County Choir
- BWM Dance department, under the direction of Osagie Ehigie, produced multiple major showcase performances and participated in an outreach program performing all throughout the county
- The drama/choral/dance departments produced *“Yes, Virginia”* in November
- The drama department received a superior rating at the HCS Theatre Festival
- BWM Art department produced their annual art show featuring designs in watercolor, sculpture, charcoal, pencil, and ceramics
- 48 Art students had their work selected and placed on display in the gallery at Pearle Vision on Seaboard Street. Best in Show was China Lewis Brown
- Gabrielle Banuelos, a member of the afterschool art workshop was recognized with honor. Her artwork was selected to represent the annual Waves of the Future program at Carolina Opry. Her logo artwork was printed on all shirts and programs. This event was sponsored by community partners of Chicora Rotary

# Teacher of the Year

## Mary Richardson

Mary Richardson is an exceptional 7th grade Math teacher who has been at BWM for 3 years. She serves as our assistant basketball coach. Ms. Richardson is most proud of seeing her students dedication to learning and how they evolve throughout the year. Her parents are 10 hours away, so having a work place filled with so many helpful, encouraging, reliable, fantastic, and brilliant people that we see and speak with daily is amazing.



# Support Employee of the Year

## Marvin Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe has been a member of the bear family for 5 Years. He serves as a para-professional in our exceptional needs classroom. Mr. Wolfe also coaches football and basketball at BWMS. Mr. Wolfe is most proud of the relationships that he has built with our students and staff members. He feels the most rewarding thing about his job is listening to the students say, "Coach you're awesome and I appreciate everything you help me accomplish." It is his ultimate goal in life to achieve greatness in everything he does.



The mission of Black Water Middle School, a diverse student-centered learning community, is to guarantee that all students are fully prepared, successful contributors in a rapidly changing global society through relevant, rigorous, standards-driven, personalized learning, provided in a safe, nurturing environment.