

Dear North Central High School Parents:

It is the mission of North Central High School to partner with our community, to empower students to become competent, responsible, lifelong learners who will be productive citizens in a global society. It is with great pleasure that I inform you this mission is being accomplished through the hard work and collaboration of teachers, students, parents, and administration.

North Central High School has been recognized many times for achieving its mission in the past. For the 2013-2014 school year, North Central High School received its first ever Excellent Rating on the State Report Card. This rating was achieved with record highs for our graduation rate (84.1%), district graduation rate (92.6%), and end-of-course tests passage rate (74.6%). Our school also met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the second straight year with a score of 88 which is an all-time high. Further, North Central High School was recognized by the South Carolina State Department of Education for winning two Palmetto Gold Awards in the state achievement program. The first Palmetto Gold was in recognition of North Central High School's overall high achievement. The second Palmetto Gold Award was for closing the achievement gap between high achieving groups of students and historically underachieving groups of students. North Central High School was one of only sixty-eight schools across the state that won two Palmetto Gold awards. Dr. Mick Zais, South Carolina Education Superintendent, branded North Central High School as a "Superstar" for posting such high scores.

North Central High School has continued to focus its efforts in the area of literacy. Our school is relying on this to continue our yearly improvement. One of our main areas of achievement that we hope to improve upon this year is the passage rate of our student's taking the High School Assessment Passage (HSAP) for the first time. We believe that reading and writing across the curriculum, our HSAP Boot Camp, and the USATEST Prep program will enable us to make huge strides in this area.

North Central High School's achievements cannot solely be viewed inside of the classroom. Our athletic department has also had worthy accomplishments this year including claiming the Region Championship in cheerleading, volleyball, and wrestling. Our baseball, softball, and tennis teams have each secured a spot in the top three of the region standings as well. Our Turf program won the "State Field of The Year" award for our football field. Also, North Central High School added a Junior Varsity girls soccer team during the 2013-2014 school year that began the season with a victory over Airport High School.

As you can see, North Central High School is committed to making sure that all of our students have the chance to leave our beloved school with the necessary skills to compete in the global workforce. We look forward to working with all of our stakeholders as we continue with this mission.

Worth Thomasson, Principal

Charlene Mathis, SIC Chairperson