

## Continued Excellence

For the 2019-2020 school year, Wren Middle School received a rating of EXCELLENT on the annual South Carolina 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 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 16 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 16 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 16 students that were selected to the All-State Choir. Also, Our band had 15 All-County selections and six All-Region selections. Our Junior Beta Club continues to be a leader within the state as we secured a variety of awards at the state convention including one of our students being elected to the Vice-President position.

*"To view the entire report card for Wren Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year, look for the "REPORT CARDS" section on the South Carolina State Department of Education website. [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov)."*

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## Wren Middle School SIC Members

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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"** **2019-2020**



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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 plan an “Open House” event to allow the community and past graduates to walk through Wren Middle School before demolition of the sight due to construction on a new building. Wren Middle School was formerly a high school and many people would like to reminisce and say “goodbye” before the building is demolished.

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

2019-2020 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. As we have for many years, Wren Middle School received another Palmetto Gold and Silver Award from the South Carolina Department of Education.

### Awards and Accomplishments:

1. Physical Education Teacher and legendary C-Team Football Coach **Jimmy Brown** was recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations as the “South Section Middle School Sports Coach of the Year”. This award is a national award as Coach Brown was selected from candidates from eight states! Coach Brown retired this year from coaching after 30+ years at the helm.
2. National History Day Upstate Regional Winners: **Logan Ellision, Maizie Gatlin, Katie Kline, Madison Mauk, Caleb Richardson, Pelle Winkopp, and Andrew Young**
3. **Jillian Swire-Clark** was elected as the South Carolina Junior Beta Club Vice-President.
4. **Braiden Jackson** won the Advanced Magnification Challenge gold medal at the Technology Olympics hosted by the Commission for the Blind.

## Wren Middle School Teacher of the Year

Liz Jordan, 8th Grade Science, was awarded the “Teacher of the Year” for Wren Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Jordan has dedicated over a decade to Wren Middle School and is well-respected by all, including her peers. Ms. Jordan serves on the school’s Guiding Coalition which is composed of teacher leaders within the building.

Ms. Jordan has a heart for children. Her caring demeanor and enthusiasm for life is contagious to all and it is evident she loves her students and teaching. She understands how to present material to students to engage them and promote high levels of learning. Ms. Jordan continuously researches innovative labs to engage students in the scientific process. She creates lifelong bonds with her students and they do not quickly forget the experiences they had within Ms. Jordan’s class. We are fortunate to have such a caring, loving educator working with our students.