

PLEASANT HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

## REPORT TO PARENTS



### PHMS SIC Members

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Administrators:

Principal: Julie A. Painter

Assistant Principals:

Ashley R. Fouty

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### SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

- The 8th grade football team won the Lex 10 Conference Championship.
- The Girls Track & Field team won the Lex 10 Conference Championship. Student Keira Bobseine placed first in the 1600m & 800m; Ryann Robbins placed first in the 400m & Long Jump; and the 4x400 Relay also took first place at the championship meet.
- Student Taiwan Alston was invited and participated in the Carolina Bowl.
- The PHMS Dance Team was named Middle School State Champions, with Addison Hall also being named Middle School State Champion Contemporary Solo Division.



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- Students Xavier Daniels, Coleman Ginn, Matthias Tavernier, Sophia Amodio, Charlie Oats, McKinnen Geiser, Connor Tonkin, and Ryan Bussell were named members of the district's Honors Band Clinic. Ryan Bussell was also named a member of the South Carolina Region Band.
- Students Mark Solis, Jessica VanZanen, Naomi Little, Roman Evans, Jacob Hernandez, Luana Palacios, and Chris Walker were named members of the District Honors Orchestra. Naomi Little, Jessica VanZanen, and Mark Solis were also named members of the Region Orchestra. Mark Solis was also named a member of the State Orchestra, as well as a member of the South Carolina Youth Symphony.
- Student Abigail Grace Cooper was named Duke Tip Scholar for Women in Engineering.
- Myriam Grandjean, German Teacher, was named the SC Foreign Language Teachers' Association's 2022 Teacher of the Year.
- Myriam Grandjean, German Teacher, was named the PHMS 2021-21 Teacher of the Year.
- Teresa Walley, Substitute Coordinator, was named the PHMS 2021-21 Staff Person of the Year.

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### SCHOOL STATISTICS

<b>Student Enrollment</b>	723
<b>7th and 8th Students Enrolled in One or More High School Credit Courses</b>	293
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch</b>	29.0%
<b>Certified Staff</b>	73
<b>Support Staff</b>	30
<b>Administrators</b>	3

### SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>Asian</b>	1.9%
<b>African-American</b>	14.9%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	6.1%
<b>Two or More Races</b>	4.4%
<b>White</b>	71.8%
<b>English Language Learners (ELL)</b>	5.3%
<b>Served in Special Education</b>	7.9%



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### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Due to the pandemic, the state of South Carolina waived the required state tests, SC Ready and SCPASS at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, students' academic progress is monitored in the fall and winter through the STAR 360 Reading and Math tests. Over 50% of PHMS students score At/Above Benchmark.

#### 2021-2022 STAR 360

Grade Level	Percentage of Students Scoring At/Above Benchmark			
	Reading		Math	
	Fall 2021	Winter 2022	Fall 2021	Winter 2022
6	58.4%	58.8%	57.4%	62.4%
7	55.1%	55.6%	58.8%	65.4%
8	50.8%	51.8%	55.8%	63.0%

Despite the pandemic and COVID restrictions, PHMS students remained focused on their academics. PHMS scored an overall rating of Good on the 2019 School Report Card, the most recent S.C. School Report Card.

#### 2021-2022 FIRST SEMESTER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Course	Percentage of Students Earning "A" or "B"
ELA	80.5%
Math	66.5%
Science	71.5%
Social Studies	73.5%

"For more information, you may view Pleasant Hill Middle School's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov)."

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### INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIES

- **Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC)**  
**Advancement Grant :** PHMS uses a grant provided by the South Carolina Arts Commission to enhance the school's Arts focus. Through this grant, each student was given a drawing journal, was introduced to neurographic art, and participated in design projects.
- **WEB Program:** WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains 8th grade students to be WEB Leaders.
- **Empower:** Students have two class periods a week to complete class work, seek extra help from teachers, make up tests, and reflect on their academic progress through their Student Achievement Notebooks.
- **World Language:** Students can receive high school credit for Spanish, French, or German beginning in the 7th grade.
- **World Language Immersion Programs:** PHMS offers Spanish and German Immersion programs. Students take two classes in the target language for the year: Language Arts and Passport to the Speaking World.



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- **STAR 360:** This testing program is used in the fall, winter, and spring to determine students' skill levels in reading and math and monitor learning growth.
- **Professional Learning:** During the 2021-22 school year, teachers had the opportunity to choose their learning pathways based on individual need. Like students, teachers monitored their progress through their digital Professional Learning Notebooks.
- **Intervention Teams:** Teachers work with a coordinator to identify and monitor students with interventions to ensure student success.
- **Common Assessments & Planning:** Teachers collaborate regularly to develop common assessments and instructional activities.
- **PTSA:** Parents, students, and staff work together to raise money to support programs, initiatives, and student participation.
- **Read Across America Day:** To support literacy and celebrate Read Across America Week, students and staff dropped everything and read during Empower on March 3, 2022.
- **Cignition:** Cignition is an individualized math tutoring opportunity for students to grow skills and confidence in foundational math. We have 30 students participating 3 days a week.