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## SIC Focus

Chapin High School is a community school with an established history that began in 1924. As the oldest high school in Lexington Richland School District Five, we are proud of our tradition of excellence.

Our continued goal is to prepare each student to be college and career ready. We recognize that continuous improvement of our professional practice is the only way to meet that goal.

As a result, we work closely with community stakeholders, parents, and businesses to provide an enriched learning environment that will maximize the potential of each student. To this aim, our teachers are committed to professional learning communities called Data Teams, which provide our teachers with a structured conversation about teaching and learning.

Chapin High School Improvement Council (SIC) meets monthly to plan, monitor, and evaluate improvements at the school level. This includes school planning, as well as communication among students, parents, teachers, and the administration of Chapin High.

This year the SIC's goals were

1) Support the Evening Acceleration School (EAS) and our At Risk Program (SAIL) as directed by the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA)

2) Amend the SIC By-laws

3) Increase parent and student involvement in the SIC.

The SIC is continuously monitoring and working to ensure quality programs are provided at Chapin High School. The SIC continues to acknowledge and support Chapin High School's pursuit of excellence.

## 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year



The 2016-2017 Chapin High School Teacher of the year is Visual Arts teacher, Katie Pfrommer. Mrs. Pfrommer has been teaching at Chapin High School since the fall of 2008. Originally from North Augusta, SC, Mrs. Pfrommer is a graduate of the Master of Arts in Teaching program from the University of South Carolina and also has a Bachelor of Science in Business from the Darla Moore School of Business. She earned National Board Certification in Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood in 2013, as well as an Advanced Placement Endorsement in Studio Art in 2010.

Currently Mrs. Pfrommer teaches Design Foundations, 3D Design, and Contemporary Design classes, as well as serving as a co-sponsor for the National Art Honor Society. Before she became a new mother in August 2016, she served as the Fine Arts Department Chair for three years and volunteered as the Silent Art Auction Chair for the Contemporaries at the Columbia Museum of Art. Mrs. Pfrommer has been the visionary for multiple public art projects at Chapin High School to promote and grow the Visual Arts program. Some of the projects she has led the students to create include the *Celebration Tree: Mosaic Mural, A Lasting Impression: Senior Silhouette Mural, Junk to Funk, Souper Bowls for Hope* and *Our Heart Beats for Team Jack* sidewalk art project. Working as a local artist in her free time, Mrs. Pfrommer enjoys a variety of mediums from painting and jewelry-making, to stained glass, batik, printmaking, and ceramics.

## 2016-2017 SIC Members

**Elected Parents:** Annette Patterson, *Chairperson;* Terry Macaluso, *Vice Chairperson;* Christopher Watson, Troy Crump, Christy Todd

**Elected Students:** Morgan Weaver, *Student Council President;* Sean Denis, *Senior Class;* Katie Arthur, 11th grade SIC; Mary Catherine O'Shaughnessey, 10th grade SIC; Sarah Miller, 9th grade SIC.

**Elected Teachers:** Katie Pfrommer, 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year; Jessica Alderman, Bob Taylor

**Community Members:** Paul Atkerson, Susan Baker, Jondy Loveless, Lil Mood, Emily Reinhart, John Stickney, Paula Weinspach (SIC Secretary),

**Ex Officio Members:** Kevin Hebert, Irene To Yong - Past Teachers of the Year; Stacey Mullis, Past SIC Chair; Lisa Corning, PTSO Representative; Dr. Melinda O'Leary, Academic Leadership Academy Booster Club; James Burns, Athletic Booster Club; Troy Crump Band Booster,; Natalie McCoy and Chris Craft -Orchestra Booster; Jay Dixon , NJROTC Booster; Rhonda LeClerg, Choral Booster; Dr. Akil E. Ross, Principal; Paula Wright, Assistant Principal of Instruction; Ronnie Wessinger, Athletic Director; Tom Wise, Assistant Principal; Dick Hiller, Assistant Principal; Melissa Magee, Assistant Principal; Scott Stogner, SAIL Coordinator

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Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the 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.

## School Culture



"Scholarship and Leadership" are the words on the seal of Chapin High School. Scholarship represents what students will take from our school. Leadership represents what students will give to the world. We expect all students to adhere to these ideals. Each school has its own culture.

Here at CHS, we have a rally cry, which originated from the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program. The rally cry is

"We aRe Chapin." Why is the "R" capitalized? The emphasis on the "R" is to help students understand the importance of being Ready to learn, Respectful to others and Responsible to ourselves.

We have since added to the rally cry the phrase, "We are a thousand passions and one heartbeat." The heart is an unofficial logo that signifies the power of knowing and following our passion. Each student is taught these principles on the first day of school and reminded of them each day.

## Awards and Recognition



On March 24, 2015, Chapin High School was named Palmetto's Finest for high school. This award is given to schools that excel in student achievement, professional learning, effective education programming, and innovation.

Paula Weinspach (SIC Secretary) was among 3 individuals who were named by Lexington District 5 as the high school Outstanding Mentor of the Year.

Palmetto Gold Award Recipient: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

National Blue Ribbon School: 2004, 2010.

With 95% of the class of 2016 graduating on time, CHS has a 5 year high in our graduation rates. These efforts have earned CHS national recognition by Niche, U.S. News and the Washington Post.

Named as one of "America's Best High Schools" by both  $\,$  U.S. News and World Report and Newsweek.

Member of Southern Region Education Board and High Schools That Work.

May 2016, the CHS Student Body was named the Nation's Best Student Section by Varsity Brands.

## **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of Chapin High School of Lexington Richland School District Five, in partnership with the community, is to provide challenging curricula with high expectations for learning that develop productive citizens who can solve problems and contribute to a global society.

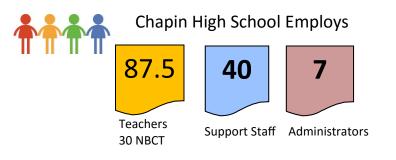
## Our Goal:

We will maintain a safe, supportive, nurturing, environment that is conducive to working and learning.

We will provide challenging curricula with high expectations for learning. We will develop productive citizens who can solve problems and contribute to a global society.

We will recruit, hire, and retain a highly effective and diverse staff dedicated to helping students succeed in a competitive, global work place.

We will maximize the school's resources of time, expertise, and finances.



# SC Principal of the Year



Dr. Ross was named by the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP) as South Carolina's Secondary Principal of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Ross is now in his sixth year as Principal of Chapin High.

"This is truly an honor to be named the 2017 South Carolina Secondary Principal of the Year by SCASA," Ross said. "The award may have my name on it, but it is really the work of the students, the amazing faculty and staff I have here and just a tribute to the awesome community of Chapin, South Carolina."

## Instructional Program

#### Academic Leadership Academy (ALA)

The Academic Leadership Academy is designed to develop leaders who will excel in an innovative and global community. We provide students an honors, Advanced Placement, and dual credit curriculum along with leadership training to prepare them to compete for admission to top-ranked colleges and universities and become world leaders in their fields of study. ALA is a community of motivated learners focused on the application of knowledge. Students will receive training to enhance their leadership skills and research opportunities to turn thought into action.

#### Capstone

Chapin High School will be participating in AP Capstone beginning Fall of 2017. AP Capstone is a College Board Program that equips students with independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills that are increasingly valued by colleges. It also gives our school the distinction of offering a rigorous, widely recognized diploma program.

#### CATE (Career and Technology Education)

Chapin High serves to ignite student's passions and provide real world training. Courses offered at Chapin include topics in Business Administration, Finance, Health Science, Information Technology, Marketing, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. IBA students have the ability to obtain their Microsoft Office Specialist certification. Our Health Science program offered at CHS provides students with Certified Nursing Assistant certifications. Our Career and Technical Education expanded with the opening of the Center for Advanced Technical Studies and allows our students to continue to pursue interests in a variety of fields in collaboration with or in addition to those courses offered here at CHS.

#### **College and Career Readiness**

Our school goal of "College and Career Readiness" begins early. We provide our freshman the opportunities to discover their talents and to begin exploring career paths. Our sophomores are encouraged to continue to explore career paths, while also considering how current coursework is relevant to future goals. During the junior year, we encourage our students to consider postsecondary opportunities that will lead them to future goals. Finally, during the senior year, our plan is for our students to be engaged in a meaningful senior internship that is directly related to their college and career goals.

#### **Courses of Study**

Each Course of Study is filled with enriching experiences that enhance the area of concentration chosen by our students. These meaningful experiences, or CLAW Experiences, are intended to provide our students the platform for exploring their passions. For example, in the Entrepreneurial Studies concentration, a Marketing Information Management student may create an advertising campaign for a local Chapin business, while a Business Information Management student designs

an app that serves as an interactive magazine for Chapin High School. A Convergent Communications student may call play-by-play for the Homecoming football game, while a Sports Medicine student may serve as an athletic trainer. A Performing Arts student may sing at the National Cathedral as well as in the new Chapin High arena, while our Engineering student is evaluating the acoustics and structural dimensions of it. While partnering with CATE Center, an Engineering student may study or create a working trebuchet . Collaboration, meaningful experiences, amazing portfolios and an intense learning environment are integrated into each Course of Study.

#### **Evening Acceleration School (EAS)**

The Evening Acceleration School is a great example of our strong partnership with our community. We identify students in need of assistance with academics and provide certified teachers and tutors to address their low performance in core classes. The Chapin Women's Club has provided funding for food and their volunteers bring it to the students. St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministries has provided the funding for the program which includes bus transportation and pay for the tutors. This allows all students to take advantage of this program. The goal of EAS is to meet students where they are and nurture their academic growth.

#### iFive Initiative

The goal of the iFive Project is to use technology to strengthen the growth of our curriculum and competencies for work, citizenship and life-long learning. Lexington Richland School District Five will prepare its students beyond academic success. The overall goal is to prepare students to model their academic skills by actively promoting communicators, creators, critical thinkers and collaborators of information.

#### Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC)

CHS has an exceptional NJROTC which has been in the top 2%of units nationwide for 17 years. Chapin NJROTC was once again designated as an NJROTC Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors for the 2016-2017 school year. This is the 17th straight year Chapin has received this distinction. This designation allows us to nominate three eligible NJROTC cadets for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy, three to the U.S. Military Academy, and three to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Our NJROTC unit has been the National Champion three times, runner-up three times and South Carolina State Champion eleven times.

#### Success Acquired in Learning (SAIL)

In 2007, we created the SAIL program for students who are at-risk for not reaching their potential. The goal of SAIL is to use research-based strategies from the High Schools That Work At-Risk Intervention Plan. It provides motivational opportunities and mentoring for at-risk students.

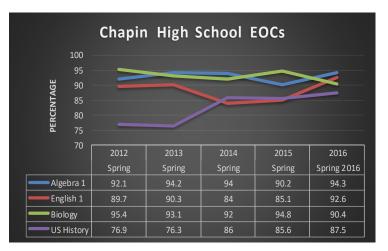
## **Excellence in Academics**

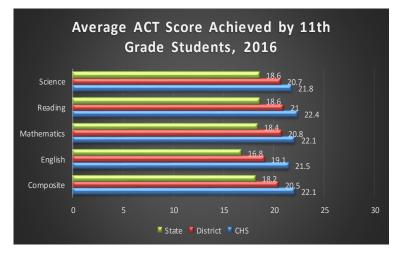
- SAT and ACT scores exceeded the district, state and national average.
- 21 Advanced Placement courses with a 62% pass rate (3 or higher).
- 49 AP Scholars, 16 AP Scholars with Honor, 29 AP Scholars with • Distinction. 3 National AP Scholars.
- We serve a student body of 1,330 students and boast a 96% graduation rate.
- We have 31 National Board Certified Teachers.
- 4 National Merit Finalists.
- 2 National Hispanic Scholars, and 2 National Merit Commended students.
- Twenty-eight 9th graders were selected for the 2015-2016 Academic Leadership Academy (ALA) class.
- Chapin NJROTC is one of the premiere units in the nation and continues its • long record of sustained superior performance. Chapin's NJROTC has been in the top 2% of units nationwide for 17 years. Chapin NJROTC was once again designated as an NJROTC Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South • Carolina 11th grader. In 2016 Chapin High School 11th graders scored the highest compared to all D5 high schools and higher than the State average. CHS had an ACT benchmark score on All 4 subjects of 31.5% of students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first year college courses.
- More than 30 students qualified to participate in the Teacher Cadet ٠ program which is a Honors weighted dual credit course.
- CHS Beta Club has gualified for Nationals for twelve years in a row. •



At the South Carolina Association of Students Councils, CHS Student Government received 1st in two project categories—Leadership and Recreation Activities. The scrapbook placed 2nd. Raegan Brizek was also inducted into the SCASC Hall of Fame for her service and leadership. Gresham Gunter was elected the next Recording Secretary for SCASC and will serve as one of the state's three officers.







In addition to the basic high school diploma, a new diploma program for Chapin High School students will begin in the Fall of 2017

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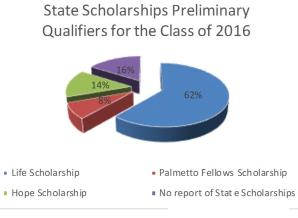


### Student Achievement Data

Chapin High School	Advanced	l Placem	ient Scor				
2015 Scores	5	4	3	2	1	Tot	%
French Language	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Studio Art 2D	0	0	2	0	0	2	100
Studio Art 3D	0	0	1	0	0	1	100
Studio Art Drawing	1	0	2	1	0	4	75
Calculus AB	11	7	10	1	2	31	90
Calculus BC	8	1	1	0	0	10	100
Statistics	2	4	21	17	6	50	54
Biology	1	4	14	6	1	26	73
Chemistry	4	2	10	2	0	18	89
Environmental Sci	4	9	7	2	0	22	91
Physics 1	1	3	6	4	2	16	63
Physics 2	1	0	5	9	1	16	38
English Language	6	18	48	55	6	133	54
English Literature	1	9	44	55	18	127	43
Human Geography	18	32	28	24	11	113	69
Macroeconomics	8	12	10	7	3	40	75
Psychology	1	0	0	0	0	1	100
Spanish Language	1	5	3	3	1	13	69
US Govt	0	5	13	14	9	41	44
US History	17	15	13	5	2	52	87
World History	2	19	19	24	8	72	56
TOTAL	87	145	257	230	71	790	62

Tot = Total number of students taking the test % = Percentage of students scoring 3 or higher

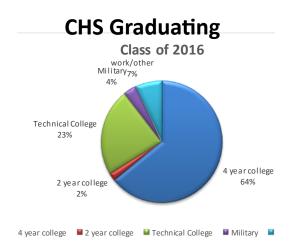
Total AP Tests Taken: 790



21 Palmetto Fellows 160 Life Scholarships 54 Hope Scholarships \$13,000,000 + in Scholarships



ACT Composite Scores Comparison								
Grad	Total	Composite						
Year	Tested							
		CHS	State	Nat'l				
2016	293	22.1	18.5	20.8				
2015	222	22.9	20.4	21.0				
2014	203	23.1	20.4	21.0				
2013	203	22.6	20.2	21.1				
2012	203	22.7	20.2	21.1				
2011	168	24.1	20.1	21.0				



	ACT Scores for Chapin High School									
ļ	Grad	Total	Englis	sh	Math		Readi		Sciend	e
	Year	Tested			matics					
		CHS	CHS	State	CHS	State	CHS	State	CHS	State
	2016	293	21.0	17.3	22.1	18.5	22.5	19.0	22.0	18.6
	2015	222	21.9	19.8	22.9	20.3	23.5	20.9	22.7	20.4
	2014	217	22.1	19.7	23.6	20.3	22.9	20.9	23.2	20.4
	2013	203	21.9	19.7	23.1	20.3	22.5	20.8	22.3	20.3
	2012	203	22.0	19.5	23.3	20.2	22.6	20.4	22.5	20.1
	2011	168	23.3	19.4	24.4	20.3	24.2	20.3	23.9	20.1







### SAT Scores for Chapin High School

Year	% Srs	Total Ver- bal Math	Total CR/ Math/ Writing	Total District	State	Nation	
2016	74%	1062	1555	1533	1441	1478	
2010	/ 4/0	1002	1555	1333	1441	1470	
2015	87%	1047	1538	1516	1442	1490	
2014	86%	1064	1562	1512	1443	1497	
2013	85%	1049	1550	1517	1423	1474	
2012	88%	1055	1544	1506	1431	1498	
2011	89%	1074	1580	1528	1436	1500	

# **Excellence in Art**

#### Visual Arts

2016-2017 was a very busy year for the Visual Arts Department. With three teachers and over 20 course offerings, the Visual Arts program continues to grow and the art students are flourishing! Design Foundations student. Lanev Haves and

3D Design student, Keagan Agard won second and third place ribbons for their artwork in South Carolina State Fair, with over twenty Visual Art students' artworks juried into the Fair's student

exhibition. Photography student, Jason Fanelli, won Honorable Mention in the Lexington Medical Center's Art of Healing Competition, with two other Visual Art students exhibiting exemplary work.

Art teachers Katie Pfrommer, Jane Rangel, and Stephanie Shank work year round to ensure that Chapin High School student artwork is proudly displayed in both local and regional exhibits, as well as online. This year student artwork was exhibited in the MOSA, District Office, CHS Semester Art Shows, Art@Five, Crooked Creek Art Exhibit, Art of Healing, Artsonia.com and the Congressional Art Competition

Eight Chapin High School Photography students were juried into Columbia Museum of Art's South Carolina Face and Place competition. These eight talented students featured a total of fifteen photographs that depict our beautiful state. The work spent the month of September at Columbia Museum of Art before moving to the offices of Senator Lindsey Graham in Washington, DC.

#### Band

CHS "Pride of the Midlands" Band Program consists of Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Percussion Ensemble, and Winterguard. 22 CHS students were accepted into SCBDA Region Band and 2 CHS students were accepted into SCBDA All State Band.

The Marching Band were the AAA Lower State Champions - which they have won 6 out of 7 years. They placed 3rd in the State Championship and were named Best Musicianship and Visual Effect all Around of the 16 Band field.

Varsity Winterguard was the State Championship runner up and Regional CWEA Champions.

The Symphonic Band performed at the SC Music Educators Association Conference in February where an original musical composition, commissioned in honor and recognition of Dr. Ross, 2017 Principal of the year, was debuted . The original composition titled "A Thousand Passions" was written by Josh Hinkel. This is a great honor to be selected among the best high school ensembles in the state of South Carolina.

The Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Band, received Straight Superior Ratings at the SC Concert Performance Assessment. They received a perfect score from every judge on stage.

#### Chorus

The Voice of Chapin performed three major concerts; in December, March, and May with each of the five choirs performing selections and joined together to present major pieces at the end of each concert. CHS had seven students that were selected to participate in SC All State Choir, and thirty students that participated in SC Region Choir. We had one student participate in the National American Choral Directors Association Conference High School Honor Choir in Minneapolis, MN. In February, the Choral Department students traveled to Charleston and Savannah for a four day tour that culminated in several large performances in both cities. Chamber Singers and the combined Choirs received Superior ratings at the SC



State Choral Festival. The Chamber Singers and HiLights Show Choir performed at many community events and churches throughout the year, including the Chapin Mayoral Prayer Breakfast.

#### Drama

The Chapin High School Drama students will showcase their talents in three performances this year. The first was a play written and directed by the students for the Holiday Giving Assembly. This series of short skits displayed the challenges of adapting classic holiday stories into a successful production. The students will wrap up the performing season with a play by Francis Swann titled "Out of the Frying Pan," produced and directed by theater director Emma Shelton and junior Kelsev Pratt, and performed solely by students. Performance dates are March 30, 31, and April 1 in the CHS Drama Classroom. Finally, senior Luke Kosko will appear in this year's District Musical production of "Annie" as Franklin D. Roosevelt. Performance dates for this event are April 27-30at Irmo High School.

#### Orchestra

CHS orchestra program consists of three different orchestra classes: the Ninth Grade Orchestra. Advanced Orchestra and the Masterclass Orchestra.

This year we had seven students pass their audition into the Midlands Regional Orchestra, and three students were accepted into this year's S.C. All State Orchestra.

In addition to preparing for five public concerts throughout the school year, our orchestra program took part in the Midlands Regional Concert Performance Assessment on 3/24/17 and received a Superior Rating. The Chapin Orchestra Program traveled to Orlando on 3/30 to take part in the Music Festival U.S.A. at Universal Studios. They received a Superior rating and won the Grand National Champion Award. They will also take part in the Carowinds Festival Of Music on 4/2.







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## **Excellence in Athletics**





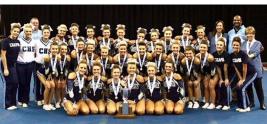
- Baseball (Spring 2016): Region Champs, Region coach of the year, 2 North/South, 4 All Region, 1 Player of the Year
- Basketball: Boys—2 All Region Selection; Girls—1 All Region Selection & Capitol City All Star Game
- Cheer---AAA State Champion; 12th State Championship, 11th Championship under Coach Williams, 4A Cheerleader of the Year; 4 All Region Selections
- Boys Cross Country: Region 5 AAAA Champions; Finished 7th in the State, 1 Region MVP; 5 All Region; 1 All State; Region Coach of the Year
- Girls Cross Country: Region 5 AAAA Runner up,3 All Region Selections, placed 11th in AAAA State Meet
- Football--- Region 5 4A Champions, Region Coach of the Year, 17 All Region Players, 1 Region Offensive Player of the Year, 1 Region Specialist of the Year, 1 North/ South, 1 Shrine Bowl Selection, 1 Class 4A Lower State Lineman of the Year
- Girls Golf: Region 5AAAA; Champions; placed 4th in the 4A State gualifier to advance to the State Golf Tournament for the first time in 4 years. With a young team, they were #11 out of 16 teams; 2 all Region; Region Coach of the Year
- Lacrosse (Spring 2016) Girls: Four times Region Champs, 4-1st Team lower State, 5-2nd Team All State, 1 1st Team All State, 2-2nd Team All State, and 1 Midfield of the Year Lower State
- Girls' Varsity Soccer (Spring 2016): 2016 State AAA Champions (1st in program history); Class AAA Region 4 Champions; , Upper State AAA Champions; AAA Region Coach of the Year; AAA Girls Soccer Coach of the Year; 5 All Region Selection, 2 Honorable Mention, 1 All Region Player of the Year, 1 Clash of the Carolinas, Jordan Dawsey named SCA of Women's sports AAA Girls Soccer Player of the year
- Men's Varsity Soccer (Spring 2016): 2016 State AAA Champions (3rd in program history); Class AAA Region 4 Champions, Upper State AAA Champions, Region Coach of the Year, AAA Boys soccer coach of the Year: 4 All Region, 3 All State: 1 Clash of Carolinas
- Girls Varsity Softball (Spring 2016): Class AAA Region 4 Champions, Region Coach of the Year, 1 4 AAA Region Player of the year, 5 All Region, 1 North/South All Star
- Swimming: Boys swimming won every region meet that they competed in and placed 6th out of 22 teams at the State meet. The girls had an awesome season and finished 11th in the State out of 22 teams
- Men's Tennis: (Spring 2016) Region IV AAA Runner Up
- Girls Tennis: 1 North/South Selection, Region Runner up, lost in 3rd round of state playoffs; Coach Rodgers named by South Carolina Assc. as the State AAA Girls Tennis coach of the year. He has coached girls tennis for 19 years here at CHS and after coaching men's tennis for 40, he will retire from coaching this Spring.
- Track (Spring 2016), Girls: 1– Pole Vault All Region; Boys: 1– Pole Vault al Region, Placed 3rd and 7th in State AAA in Pole Vault, 1 placed 3rd in 800 meters and named All State
- Girls Varsity Volleyball: 3rd in Region. 2 named all Region.
- Wrestling: Region 5 AAAA Champions, 5 AAAA Region Coach of the Year, Lower State Champions, 10 Individual Region Champions (All Region), 6 State qualifiers, 1-3rd place, 1-2nd place and 1-1st place finish in the State individual tournament; 2017 State Runner-up in team competition; 2 North/South Selection

### Wrestling team





Alexis Hoeve 2016 4A Cheerleader of the Year



Cheer 12th State Championship



Boys and Girls 2016 Soccer State Champions



Wrestling State Champion

Hank Manos