

## From the SIC of Irmo High

The School Improvement Councils (SIC) are required by law to provide this annual "Report to the Parents" and constituents of the school with information on the SIC's and school's progress in meeting the school and district goals and objectives.

### The purpose of the Irmo High School SIC is to:

- \*assist in the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the 5-year School Renewal Plan and updates
- \*assist with the development and monitoring of school improvement and innovation
- \*serves as advocates for the school, community, and students
- \*serve as a liaison between the school, school organizations, the community, and the local school board by collecting and disseminating information about school improvement
- \*provide assistance that the principal may request as well as carrying out duties prescribed by the local school board

### During this reporting period the Irmo High School SIC has:

- continued the work towards the goal of positive public relations promoting the qualities of Irmo High School
- assisted principal with developing and implementing the School Renewal Plan
- provided strong support in efforts to improve and beautify Irmo High School campus
- assisted with increasing outreach towards parents and extensive parent involvement activities
- continued support for after school programs which serves students at risk of failing classes or not graduating

Irmo High School Improvement Council remains a pillar of support for the school's goal to maintain a high quality of education for all students.

## Mission Statement

The mission of Irmo High School is to develop an education community of lifelong learners and educators who meet the global demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century through a challenging educational program which embraces diversity and unity, instills integrity and character, and provides opportunities for leadership and team work.

## SIC Stakeholders

### Elected Parents

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Hayley Gossett            | Dan Koon, Chair |
| Kathy Mahoney, Vice Chair | Damon C. Terry  |
| Sheila Shelby, Secretary  | Melanie Daniel  |
| Tabitha Keeler            |                 |

### Elected Teachers

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Ken Bailey      | Shirpolle Peniston-Blair |
| Willie Frierson | Laura Carson             |
| Patricia Powell |                          |

### Appointed Community

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| John Cantey     | Alisha Polkowsky |
| Toshia Addison  | Linda Byars      |
| Julie Bird      | Tony Langton     |
| Barbara Waldman |                  |

### Ex - Officio

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| David Riegel   | Beth Well      |
| Martie Newmyer | Kaaren Hampton |
| Sarah Zupon    |                |

### Elected Students

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Nolan Burdette | Caroline Gossett |
| Tatiana Bracey | Alissa Pressley  |

### Administrators

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Kaaren Hampton | Floyd White     |
| John McMillan  | William Olawsky |
| Jeff Corley    |                 |

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*In ourselves, our future lies*

## School Improvement Council

2016 - 2017

David Riegel, Principal  
Dan Koon, Chair

Annual Report

## To the Irmo High School Community

The Faculty and Staff at Irmo High School appreciates all that our parents and community do in support of our school. We continue to improve our communication through the weekly parent newsletters, monthly Jacket Journal News, phone/email blasts, Peachjar, and other social media avenues.

Irmo High School has a tremendous history of success in the arts, athletics, and academics. As District 5's fine arts magnet school, the tradition continues for our students and alumni. Students are able to study and perform in music, theater, dance, and visual art. Irmo High offers unique and challenging courses in guitar, piano, world percussion and world dance, stained glass and other advanced artistic techniques, and technical theater coursework in our state of the art theater. With this combination of coursework, our students receive professional quality experiences and training. Students also have tremendous opportunities for academic excellence. The growing International Baccalaureate program sends students to prestigious universities throughout the country, and provides excellent preparation for college level work from a global perspective. We provide an extensive study of AP courses for our students. While Irmo is most widely known in the athletic world for its soccer and basketball programs, we have a championship history in many sports. Character is also a focus at Irmo. Students give to the community extensively through service projects and community involvement which allows them to grow as leaders and public servants.

Irmo High School is a diverse and dynamic school located in the heart of South Carolina, and convenient to Lake Murray and the many other amenities of our region and our great state. This year our school saw renewed efforts towards recognizing our outstanding alumni, and announced the first class of inductees into our Hall of Fame. We also began to recognize notable alumni on our school website. Our IHS Educational Foundation became revitalized, and provided multiple grants to teachers to support academics. Our arts program continued to thrive with outstanding productions of *The Little Mermaid* and other productions by our dance, theater, music, and art departments.

The arts also provided community service by offering our fourth annual Goodwill Brunch partnering with the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission. Our counseling office's Teen Talk program was recognized as D5 Mentor of the Year and the PTSO was the D5 Parent Organization of the Year. Literacy 360 began as an after school program offering extensive social and academic support to students.

Principal, David Riegel  
SIC Chair, Dan Koon

## Arts, Academic, Athletic Accomplishments

Irmo High School is proud to announce the following national, state, and regional awards. These accomplishments reflect the tradition of excellence at Irmo High.

- ❖ Superior Band Performance
- ❖ All-State Chorus Recipients
- ❖ 2017 Gurthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship
- ❖ Debate Team Awards
- ❖ Public Mosaic created for Parkridge Hospital
- ❖ Irmo Dance Team Award
- ❖ Four National Merit Semi-finalists
- ❖ One National Merit Scholar
- ❖ One Semi-finalist Presidential Scholar
- ❖ One of 50 Band Directors Who Makes a Difference
- ❖ Black History Quiz Bowl Winners
- ❖ Superintendent Award for Philanthropy
- ❖ All State /All Region Athletes
- ❖ National Winner of Poster Contest
- ❖ DHEC Clean School Award
- ❖ Varsity Boys Basketball Semi-finalist
- ❖ Cross Country Champs
- ❖ Boys & Girls Basketball Region Champs
- ❖ Be All You Can Be Awards
- ❖ Perfect Attendance for Twelve Years
- ❖ IHS Inaugural Hall of Fame
- ❖ Varsity Tennis Region Champs
- ❖ First International Fair
- ❖ Coaches of the Year (Whipple & Williams)
- ❖ Coach Whipple 700<sup>th</sup> Win
- ❖ Second Place in 3A State Band Competition
- ❖ SC Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Contest
- ❖ 2016 Goodwill Brunch
- ❖ Gold Fit Friendly Worksite Heart Association Award
- ❖ Bronze Medal for MS/JV Wrestling Champs
- ❖ All Fall & Winter Sports Made It to Playoffs
- ❖ 5A Region Athletic Director of the Year (Kennedy)



## Irmo High School Event



**Irmo High School, "We Build Bright Futures"**