School IRMO HIGH SCHOOL Improvement Council INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS **SIC ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Irmo Boys Basketball won the 4A SC State Championship under Coach Tim Whipple
- Ary Stokes was WLTX athlete of the week for Sports Medicine Team and was featured on TV
- Ary Stokes was selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas to serve as a Student Athletic Trainer. Only two students in the state were selected.
- Irmo Library Book Club- 1st place in the South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) South Carolina Book Award Book Banner Contest
- Senior Saanvi Cherukumalli, girls tennis won the WACH Sonic Friday Night Rivals Crosby Roofing Scholar Athlete of the Year with a \$5,000 scholarship
- Brandon Crawford was named Boys Basketball 4A State Player of the Year
- earned Seal of Biliteracy
- Jonathan White, basketball, selected as WLTX News 19 Player of the Week
- Future Business Leaders of America members Margaret Hamberg placed 4th in Accounting and David Floyd placed 4th in Computer Problem Solving
- Symphonic Winds achieved Superior with Distinction from the SCBDA
- Bonnie Robinson, Special Education Teacher named April 2023 Financial Literacy Master Teacher of the Month by the Office of South Carolina Treasurer
- Savannah Stephens, freshman, was selected and performed SC Youth Wind Symphony.
- Colleen Marcou, Orchestra Director, named President of the SCBDA

ANNUAL GOALS 2022-2023

By 2027 Irmo High School will increase:

- Graduation rate to 83% as reported by the SC Department of Education,
- Participation in the SC Department of Education Parent Climate Survey will increase by 25% in the area of parent satisfaction,
- Recruitment and retention of teachers from diverse backgorunds
- Equity and access for students to gifted and talented programs/courses

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- IHS Choral Department performed at the 2023 Inauguration of Governor Henry McMaster
- Students in the IB program celebrated Metric Week Oct 9-15 with several Measurement in the Sciences activities to promote international mindedness
- IB seniors Natalia Gonzalez-Guzman and Joseph Hodges promoted the IB programmes at the District Magnet Fair on Nov 10 at the CATE Center.
- In collaboration with the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, we resumed our Holiday Brunch for community senior citizens in December after a 2-year hiatus
- IHS Arts Department Annual Musical, Addams Family, performed to a full house for multiple nights.
- IHS partnered with Harbison West Elementary to develop a mentor program
- Senior Joseph Hodges named a National Merit Semi-Finalist and US Presidential Scholar Candidate
- All Spring sports advanced to playoffs for the first time in five years
- School Counseling Department held its first HBCU College and Career Fair
- Faculty and staff raised funds to participate in the Lexington County Polar Plunge benefitting Special Olympics
- Students hired to participate in the First Jobs Initiative began working in selected positions across campus
- IHS hosted the Greenwood Genetics lab for Escolares students to explore gel electrophoresis
- Astronomy Teacher Jeff Cameron's students participated in a presentation with Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson













ACADEMICS

Irmo High School offers rigorous academic programs to support students' varied post-secondary plans as well as elective courses to foster growth in academic achievement, life skills, fine arts, and physical fitness. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, the IB Career-related Programme, Advanced Placement courses, and Dual Enrollment opportunities continue to challenge students academically and prepare them for future success. Teachers utilize a variety of instructional strategies, such as graphic organizers and feedback, to actively engage students and encourage them to be reflective, lifelong learners. Professional development for teachers includes training in technology, engagement, and arts-based education

ARTS

Irmo High School is an arts-focused school that provides students with multiple options to explore the performing and visual arts. Programs include: vocal and instrumental music (chorus, band, guitar, orchestra, and piano), dance, theatre and many disciplines of visual arts. Visual art course offerings include stained glass, photography and ceramic arts. Unique to our school is the vast amount of collaboration between art areas. Our musical theatre department presents a spring musical that all of the performing art areas participate in. Students are able to take part in the many facets of live performance and technical theatre. The highly trained faculty, practice facilities, and Center for the Arts provide our students with a world-class environment for arts education and production.

ATHLETICS

Irmo High School offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities for both boys and girls. In conjunction with Irmo Middle School, there are Varsity, Junior Varsity, and B-Team levels for many teams. This past year, our students participated in baseball, cheer, cross country, football, golf, girls lacrosse, soccer, softball, swim, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. We congratulate the following teams:

SC State Champtions: Boys Basketball

AAAA Region 4 placements: Boys Cross Country, 4th place; Girls Cross Country, 1st place; Varsity Football, 2nd place; Girls Golf, 4th place; Boys Swimming, 1st place; Girls Swimming, 4th place; Girls Tennis, 2nd place; Girls Basketball, 4th place; Wrestling, 4th place; Boys Tennis, 2nd place (note that Spring sport

ATTENDANCE

Irmo High School believes consistent school attendance is important to student success academically, socially, emotionally and behaviorally. We promote attendance through daily communication of attendance expectations, encourage students to attend, and recognize students who consistently attend. When a problem is identified, teachers, school counselors, social worker, the school nurse and the administrative team collaborate to provide intentional support to students and families. In addition to academic attendance, students are encouraged to participate in all school related activities such as, clubs, athletics, the arts, and more.

SIC MEMBERS

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