



*Palmetto Middle School*



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*2022-2023 Report to the Parent*

Grades  
**6-8**

Student Enrollment  
**333**

Faculty & Staff  
**43**

Mascot  
**Bulldog**

Title-I Supported

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Hours of Operation  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:10-3:10**

**Homework Center**  
**3:15-4:30**

**Motto**

Preparing Minds for Success

**Mission Statement**

The mission of Palmetto Middle School is to provide every student with the opportunity to become socially mature and academically productive citizens for life.

**Notable Moments for the 2022-2023 School Year**

- Over sixty students received Tier-II Intervention from our Reading Interventionist. Fifty-six percent of our students overall had improved placement for the year on the I-Ready Assessment. Fifty-seven percent had improved placement in math.
- Abia Falak was a two time champion in the Palmetto Middle School Spelling Bee and represented our school in the Regional Spelling Bee at Francis Marion University.
- The Palmetto Middle School Academic Challenge Team had an amazing season with a record of 6-1, having one loss to Johnakin Middle School. Our team was coached by Barry Hemingway.
- The Boy's Football Team had an excellent season claiming multiple wins after a period of defeat. The team's record was 6-2. Our team was also victorious in the Battle of the Border versus Johnakin.
- Our Performing Arts Department sponsored a wonderful evening of dinner and entertainment for the community by hosting, "A Night of the HeARTS." Families witnessed our band perform songs from the seventies and eighties while our PMS dancers performed with them. Mr. Brian Taylor, recognized students for their creation of winning works of art on the district level.
- Kamora Rogers, eighth grade student and talented artist was recognized for Best in Show for Marion County School District in the 2022-2023 Art Show. Dasani Pee won Best in Show in the City of Nichols Art Show. Jaliyah Outlaw-Legette won first place and Alyssa Powell third place for eighth grade. Skyler Stewart (Grade 6) and I'Yonna Moody (Grade 8) received Honorable Mentions.
- Twenty-five students were inducted in the Willie L. Page Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.
- Abia Falak and Yasmine Robinson were named Junior Scholars for 2022-2023 based on meeting the required score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).
- Our student passage rate for Algebra-I on the EOC was 86% for the year.
- Students, Taliyah Major, and Nathan Peracki along with their teachers Brian Taylor and Eric Troy are featured on the Teacher Recruitment Billboards along I-95. We want quality teachers to bring their gifts to Marion County.
- Afterschool tutoring was provided and funded by the Original Six Foundation. We extended the weekly, services by adding the Academy of Excellence, a district initiative where over 60 students received academic interventions on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Mr. Prashanth Paspula and Ms. Sandra Coombs were named Teacher and Support Staff of the Year for 2023-2024.



## School-wide Instructional Focus



### Problem of Instructional Practice (POIP): Common Planning

- Teachers met weekly to discuss and generate lesson plans, assessments, and analyze student performance data to improve the instructional process.
- We provided In-house professional learning opportunities in Balanced Literacy, the math framework, and data analysis to improve instructional planning and support our school-wide goals and current practices.
- We were targeted and intentional regarding the use of student performance data. Student performance data was shared among staff members, students, and parents to make adjustments for students based upon data.
- We continued with goal setting and student conferences each quarter and provided Academic Interventions for students based on need.

### Instructional Supports for Students

Clever   Edmentum   I-Ready   My Access Writing   Pearson Realize   Practice Makes Perfect Homework Center  
Read-180   Schoology

### Extra-curricular Activities

Academic Challenge   Band (Grades 6-8)   Basketball (Grades 7-8)   Sneaker Gala   Night of the Hearts  
Cheerleading   Distinguished Gentleman   Football   Ladies of Distinction

### Photos



### Palmetto Middle School

#### School Improvement Council 2022-2023

Shawn Ceo   Becky Furness   Tiffany Gerald   Regina Gilchrist   Octavia Johnson  
Kannan Kasi   Brooke Kirkland   William O'Connor   Anne Peracki



***Palmetto Middle School: Moving Forward! Growing Together! Getting Better!***