

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Miss NMS	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Awards Day	Beta Club
Super Fun Friday	Red Ribbon/Spirit Week
Science Fair/Science Olympiad	Bible Class Release Time
NMS Chorus	Field Day
NMS Band	6th and 8th Grade Orientation
Academic Night	Newberry College/RETAIN Program
Book Fair	Newberry Sheriff's Department Crisis Education and Technology Safety Programs
Academic Team	
Yearbook Staff	DHEC-Dental Van/Student Well-Being
Career Day/Job Shadowing	
Hoops for Hearts	Making Middle Grades Work
Science Olympiad	Newberry Opera House
Enrichment Incentive Day	Book It Readers—Top 1-00
NMS After-School Program	
Goodies for Grands	

COMMUNITY

Hoops for Heart	Red Ribbon Week
Relay for Life	United Way
Manna House	Make-a-Wish
Parent Education Nights	Veteran's Program
Math Carnival	Literacy Fair
Transition Nights	Cultural Nights
No Name Calling Week	Homecoming
Community Readers	Choral Musicals
Mr. and Miss NMS Pageants	Band Concerts
Weekly parent communication calls	SIC/PTO

RECOGNITION/AWARDS

7th & 8th Grade Symphonic Band	Duke TIP Talent Students
Band SCBDA Excellent Rating	State Science Olympiad Competition
Paramount's Excellent Rating	NASA Alumni Explorer School
Superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble	Certificate of Achievement
Lt. Governor's Award	Beta Club Living Literature Runner Up

ACADEMICS

- ◆ 2012-13 Palmetto Silver Award-Overall achievement
- ◆ Junior Beta Club State Winners/Junior Scholars
- ◆ Keyboarding/Math/ELA Enrichment computer labs
- ◆ 2 mobile computer labs/3 class computer labs
- ◆ Afterschool tutoring
- ◆ 3 Science laboratories with science kits
- ◆ Common Core Collaboration Planning Meetings
- ◆ GT Infused Curriculum/Differentiated Instruction
- ◆ Mentor/Mentee Advisory Period and Enrichment Period
- ◆ Dress for Success/Career Exploration
- ◆ Grade-level field studies
- ◆ Fine arts studies in art, chorus and band
- ◆ Gateway to Technology focus on Engineering
- ◆ STEM School-Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Program-Phase 1, 2
- ◆ Literacy Integration across the curriculum

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Clemson/USC Field Studies	Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Operation "Get Smart" Program	4H Club
Random Acts of Kindness Club	Recycling Club
Veterans Day Program	Career Day/Job Shadowing
Art Showcase	Super Fun Fridays
Band/Chorus Concerts	Miss NMS
Beta Club	NMS Homecoming
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	School Musical
School Spirit Club	Washington, DC Field Study
Cooking Club	Charleston Field Study
Cosmetology Club	Myrtle Beach Field Study
Bible Class	Soccer Club
Black History Activities	Gentleman's/Southern Ladies' Clubs



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The mission of Newberry Middle School is to help all students reach their full potential through engaging experiences that are academically excellent and socially equitable.

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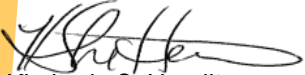
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Dear Parents:

The School Improvement Council and the faculty and staff of Newberry Middle School have prepared this Summary Report for you and the community members interested in our school. This report provides you with important information related to the 2013—2014 school year. It lists activities and programs that have been implemented and some “highlights” from the year. We believe in setting high expectations and are proud of our students and their accomplishments. Working together, we will strive to continue to provide even greater opportunities for our students in the future. Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing engaging experiences that are academically excellent and socially equitable.

We encourage you to let us know of any questions or suggestions you may have concerning information included in this report. Thank you for the valuable part you play in the educational success of our students.

Sincerely,



Kimberly S. Hamilton
Principal

School Renewal/AdvancEd Action Plan

Through the School Renewal/AdvancEd Action Plan, the school has identified the following goals for focus:

- Student Achievement
- School Climate
- Teacher Quality

The School Improvement Council, PTO, faculty and staff at Newberry Middle School have worked together to address these goals.

SC REPORT CARD INFORMATION

2014 Palmetto Assessment of State Standards
ESEA Federal Accountability Rating System –
Average 73.7 (C)

Mathematics PASS Results—Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
6	61.5%	63.4%	62.1%
7	65.8%	57.9%	61.4%
8	60.6%	65.4%	77.2%

Science PASS Results—Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
6	51.8%	43.8%	46.8%
7	71.9%	70.2%	54.8%
8	74.8%	59.7%	69.1%

ELA PASS Results—Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
6	60%	63.4%	62.1%
7	65.4%	57.9%	61.4%
8	63.8%	65.4%	77.2%

Social Studies PASS Results—Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
6	69.2%	75%	81%
7	65.4%	72.4%	59%
8	63.8%	57.2%	75.4%

Writing PASS Results—Percent Meeting Standard

Grade	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
6	61.5%	63.4%	62.1%
7	65.8%	57.9%	61.4%
8	60.6%	65.4%	77.2%

YEAR IN REVIEW

NMS continued to uphold a standard and expectation of excellence. Our school did not accept excuses so we proudly continued to see success in the classroom, the arts, athletics, and the community. The current school enrollment is 612 students. We have 326 (53%) African-Americans, 110 (18%) Hispanics, 157 (25.7%) Caucasians, 1 (.1%) Asians, 1 (.1%) American Indian, and 17 (2.8%) students of two or more races. The socio-economic status of our families ranges from low to middle income; however we have 86% of our students on subsidized meals. We do offer free “Breakfast in the Classrooms” for all of our students.

Forming positive family and community relationships continued to be a top priority. We accomplished this through partnerships with Be Great Academy, Book It Readers, Making Middle Grades Work, Community Readers, Newberry Sheriff's Department, Newberry Opera House, Operation Get Smart, and Newberry College/RETAIN program. We held the following activities for students/families: Literacy Fair, Math Carnival, 6th grade Transition Night, Mr./Ms. NMS pageants, nursing home visits, Veterans Day program, NMS Talent Show, Career Day, cultural events, Breakfast with the Principal, monthly PTO meetings, and No Name Calling Week events. NMS began a mentor/mentee program that paired students with an adult in our own building.

We experienced success in the classroom by promoting weekly content collaboration meetings with teachers. Math and ELA teachers attended monthly professional development as we incorporated Common Core standards. Each nine weeks, our students participated in goal setting and data analysis through individual student data folders. NMS offered morning, afternoon, and lunch-time tutoring. NMS became a phase I STEM school, incorporating PLTW curriculum through our Gateway to Technology classes. We utilized both math and ELA enrichment computer labs for students that needed extra practice in these content areas. All classes incorporated literacy, interactive technology, and differentiated instruction. Students had access to 7 computer labs and 2 mobile computer labs as well as 3 science labs with science kits.

In athletics, NMS had two undefeated teams, our girls' basketball team and our 7th grade football team. All athletic teams boasted winning seasons. Character education was infused in our team practices.

Our chorus and band programs received excellent ratings and continued to see growth in the programs. The community enjoyed a musical, two band concerts at the Newberry Opera House, and two chorus concerts at NMS.

We continued to give back to our community through United Way, Hoops for Heart, Relay for Life, and Manna House. NMS was named a Heart Healthy Work Place.

At NMS, we continue to live out our motto of “Whatever it takes, our kids ARE worth it”!