

SALUDA HIGH SCHOOL

Mission:

Teaching children to be learners for life.

Vision: Saluda High School will create a culture that fosters innovative, caring, responsible, and self motivated learners who will succeed in an ever-changing world.

School Nurse Gina Fingerlin

Spring is here, and allergies, colds, stomach viruses, and even the flu are still hanging around. Good hand washing with soap and water is the best prevention for spreading common colds and viruses. Using sanitizer is also an option but is not as effective as washing your hands with soap and water. If you are suffering from common seasonal allergies/sinuses, there are many over-the-counter medications that may help. Check with your doctor if signs and symptoms don't resolve. Please remember that I do not have medications that I can give out for allergies and colds, unless a parent or guardian has brought medications in for the student and signed the appropriate medication forms.

Stay healthy and safe!

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) and the Education Improvement Act (EIA). It is a report to share the accomplishments of Saluda High School with students, parents, and teachers for the current school year.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sarah Longshore — Principal

Trey Shealy — Chairperson

Deborah Minick — Ex-Officio

Abbey Duggins — Ex-Officio

Dave Werts — Ex-Officio

Wuilmer Moreno — Teacher

Carrie Forrest — Teacher

Carrie Lowe — Teacher

Sarah Lewis — Secretary

Yolanda Moore — Appointed

Jacquelyn Middleton — Parent

Brenda Gilliam — Community

Beatriz Esperanza — Parent

Edgar Zamorano — Student

Tamia Haymond — Student

Grant Collins — Student

Alex Aull — Student

Lori Able — Student

Sherry Jones — Parent

Fred Wideman — Community

Valarie Smith — Appointed

Principal Longshore

IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

It has been another exciting year at Saluda High School. In our first year of implementing the TAP system for teacher effectiveness, our school earned a value added score of 4, which means that our students exceeded more than one year of academic growth in 2014-2015. Saluda High School has also been named a Palmetto Gold Award winner by the SC State Department of Education for attaining high levels of absolute performance, and our EOC scores continue to exceed state averages. Looking ahead, we are preparing for higher levels of enrollment in dual enrollment and AP courses. Additionally, our SIC planned and implemented the first annual "Tiger Pride Day" at Saluda High School to recognize all students who have consistently demonstrated appropriate behavior and academic performance throughout the school year. It was certainly a year of milestones, and we are incredibly proud of what we have been able to accomplish and look forward to all of the advances sure to come in the new academic year.

SRO Chris Crouch

Smart phones have made life easier by allowing us to have one location where we can make phone calls, take pictures, and have a personal computer. Our youth and adults alike are placing too much personal information into these devices. Cybercrime is on the rise, and personal information, pictures, and even banking information is being stolen. Please take caution and keep your smartphones secure with passcodes and secured as you would your wallet or purse.

Have a safe and happy summer break!

HIGHLIGHTS

Guidance

The guidance department restructured this year. Mrs. Whitney Moore is serving grades 9-12 as the counselor for students last name beginning A-L, and Mrs. Valerie Smith is serving grades 9-12 as the counselor for students last name beginning M-Z. All students have the opportunity to take coursework or credit recovery through the school's Virtual School program offered free of charge from the SC State Department of Education. Over 300 students are being served through our Virtual School classroom. During the 2015-16 school year, 16 students have enrolled in the Junior cohort of the SHS/PTC Middle College Program. There are also 45 Juniors and Seniors enrolled in Piedmont Technical College's On-Deck Dual Enrollment program. Students in both groups can earn college credit as well as high school credit if they qualify. The guidance department will complete Individual Graduation Plans for all students this spring with a record number of students requesting Advance Placement courses, up 81% from last year. Students can earn college credit through the AP Program. This April all juniors will once again have the opportunity to take the ACT college entrance exam as part of the statewide testing program. They have also taken the WorkKeys assessment as part of their college and career planning focus. A new addition outside the guidance office is our College Acceptance Wall. Every senior accepted to college can display their acceptance letters. We are proud of all of them and hope underclassmen will be challenged to grow "The Wall" even bigger!

Athletics

Varsity Girls' Basketball Team finished the season with an overall record of 17-6 while capturing the Region Championship for the second year in a row. Three players were selected for All-Region and one player was selected to the All-State team. Varsity Boys' Basketball Team set a new school record of most points scored in a single game with a 101-98 victory over rival Strom Thurmond. The Varsity Football Team finished the season with a 10-3 record, advancing to the AA Upper State Championship game. The Tigers broke multiple school records. One student broke the school single season rushing record and total touchdown record. The place kicker also broke a school record with 70 points scored through the kicking game. One player received a full scholarship to play football at a Division One college. Three players were named to All-State teams, and two were selected to play in the SC North-South All-Star Game in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Student Council

Student Council members raised over \$100 to purchase toys to donate to Toys for Tots.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOSA

HOSA students attended the SC HOSA State Leadership Conference in March. One student was elected as the 2015-2016 SC HOSA Student President. Fifteen students advanced to 2nd round competitions, and one of our Creative Problem Solving teams placed 5th in the state. HOSA raised \$2,565.47 for their National Service Project, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They were recognized at the SLC as Gold Donors and will be recognized in June at the International Leadership Conference in Nashville. HOSA members also hosted two blood drives this year.

Scholarships

The graduating class of 2016 has two Palmetto Fellows Scholars to date. This is the highest scholarship honor awarded by the state of South Carolina. This senior class is actively working on meeting or even breaking the record-setting scholarship total by the SHS Class of 2015. As of mid-April, we have received notices of 85 college acceptances. The majority of our diploma track students have applied to attend four- or two-year colleges. Two Seniors have received the prestigious Teaching Fellows Scholarship.

Art

Art students received two 2nd place, two 3rd place, and 7 honorable mentions in the S.C. Jr. Duck Stamp Art Contest. In the SC Reel Art Fish Contest, the SHS art department had one 2nd place and one 3rd place winner and four honorable mentions.

NNDCC

The NNDCC team placed over 500 flags around the community in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness. They participated in the "Iron Man Challenge," sponsored by the Army National Guard. Cadets have put in over 1300 hours of community service. The cadets will also assist with the Special Olympics to be held at SHS.

FFA

Three FFA students have been selected to attend the 2017 National 4H Forestry Invitational.

Boys State and Girls State

Five students were selected to attend Boys State, and four were selected to attend Girls State this summer. One student was selected to attend the Law Academy.

Beta Club

This past October, students donated more than \$250 worth of items for the SC flood relief. At Christmas they adopted three families and went above and beyond collecting gifts for them. Beta Club will also volunteer at the Special Olympics.

Teacher of the Year

Wayne Bell was selected as the Teacher of the Year.

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