

## School Achievements

- Ashley Sweat, 6<sup>th</sup> grade math, was our Teacher of the Year.
- The following students were awarded prizes for being top winners at the SMS Reading Fair: 6th grade - Alani Comenares-Gallegos - overall winner; Kaylea Comer - overall winner; Tyler Reed - most creative; Trevor Price - most creative; 7th grade - Rebecca Jackson - overall winner; Kadence Price - overall winner; Jacob New - overall winner; Claire Bartley - most creative; 8th grade - Katie Altman - overall winner; Anna Grace Thomas - overall winner; Zoribel Rodriguez - overall winner; Matt Sheaffer - most creative
- Beta Club attended the state conference and won the Beta Growth Award and an award for the best creative trading pin.
- Duke Tipp Scholars at SMS were Boone Brooks, Sunny Cleveland, Chase Doubrava, Zaidy Esquivel-Olvera, Ruby Flores, Dakota Gentry, Ella Gentry, Angel Gil-Salgado, Kaden Hancock, Rebecca Jackson, Denisse Melgoza-Naranjo, Kadence Price, Zack Robertson, Alisha Sloane, Dylan Summer, Luke Taylor, Alecia Vasquez-Gomez, and Keniya Young.
- Our winners at our annual Miss SMS pageant were Avery Quattlebaum (6) for Miss Congeniality, Elizabeth Sorcia (7) for People's Choice, Rebecca Jackson (7) for Tiger Spirit, Keari Miller for Miss SMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Elizabeth Sorcia for Miss SMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Anna Grace Thomas for Miss SMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Danilyn Chapman for overall Miss SMS.

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### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Saluda Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.*

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## Saluda Middle School

### Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2018-19



## Middle School

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Educating all students by providing a rigorous and relevant curriculum with supportive programs.

### SMS Vision Statement

We envision a district in which all students graduate equipped to succeed in work and life in a globally competitive world.

### SMS Mission Statement

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## SIC Annual Goals

Goal #1 -- Understanding the importance of fostering a positive, healthy school climate and helping students learn from their mistakes. The SIC will collaborate with parents, students, district officials, and the community to move toward proven restorative approaches to addressing conflict.

Goal #2 – Improve parent and community involvement in Saluda Middle School to foster a partnership that encourages involvement in the school.

## SMS Annual Goal

By the end of the 2018-19 school year, SMS students will go from 27.5% to 39.7 % “meets” or “exceeds expectations” in ELA and from 33.4% to 38.1% “meets” or “exceeds expectations” in math on the SC READY assessment.

## Testing Achievement

- Saluda Middle School (SMS) is helping all students develop the world-class skills characteristic of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- *S.C. School Report Card* scores can be found at: <https://screportcards.com/>. SMS got an overall rating of Average for 2017-2018.
- SMS had 89% of students earn a high school bearing credit in 2017 – 18 school year.
- 37.8% of eighth grade students scored proficient on SC Ready Math. This percentage surpassed the state average for all schools in SC of 36.6% scoring proficient.
- SMS went from 28.1% proficient in 2016-2017 on the SCReady math to 33.4% proficient in 2017-2018.
- SMS went from 26.1% proficient in 2016-2017 on the SCReady ELA to 27.5% proficient in 2017-2018.

### School Achievements (cont.)

- South Carolina Junior Scholar eighth graders were Kenya Aguirre and Caroline Warren.
- Rebecca Gross and Mykala Corley competed in the South Carolina State Ms. Amazing Pageant in Greenville, SC on March 24.
- Katherine Altman (8th), Taylor Crouch (8th), Ainsley Gibson (8th), and Avery Quattlebaum (Hollywood) won 1st Place in the SC State Fair 4 H Healthy Lifestyles. Competition for the second year in a row.
- Zymarion Gray was named to the All Star Classic in its inaugural year.

## Additional Information

- We have implemented the Second Steps program this year. Second Steps is a behavioral modification interactive program that challenges students to be observant of what bullying is and how to relate with others. This program is completed during Power Period every Wednesday
- We believe that it is imperative that all students feel welcome and safe in all areas of our school while having an opportunity to grow the necessary soft skills needed for the future.
- Students were recognized monthly for going above and beyond in our schools.
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a program that supports our school culture. PBIS prepares students for success by teaching them to act responsibly, work cooperatively, and show respect.
- To assist struggling students and families, SMS collaborates with Saluda County Behavioral Health to provide individualized counseling and services.
- Any parent wishing to volunteer to assist at school is asked to contact Mr. Hardie or any SIC team member.

*For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*