

2017-18 District Teacher of The Year Honored at District Convocation

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2017-2018 OCSD5 District Teacher of the Year, Mary Williams with Jimmy Jones and Lorenzo Anderson of Jimmy Jones Toyota

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five (OCSD5) teachers, staff and administrators gathered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium on the campus of South Carolina State University on the morning of August 10, 2017 to kick-off the start of the new school year. Following a convocation address from Superintendent Dr. Jesse Washington and remarks from keynote speaker Mike Patrick of Spartanburg-based Milliken and Company, the district introduced its Teachers of the Year from each of the district's schools along with the **2017-2018 District Teacher of the Year**.

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OCSD5 Dedicates Athletic Facilities to Honor Norman, Pellman, and Crum

Three athletic facilities in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five (OCSD5) were dedicated to the memory of three outstanding district leaders on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Highlights from the ceremonies included remarks from district officials and family members, and the unveiling of dedications plaques, and new baseball scoreboard, and building signage at the gymnasiums.

The baseball field at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School (OWHS) was named after former Principal David Lee Norman in honor of his exemplary career as an athlete, coach, and educator. In addition to serving in his "dream job" as the Principal at OWHS, Norman coached baseball, football, and basketball for sixteen years and was instrumental in bringing baseball back to the OWHS campus. During his high school years, Norman lettered in four sports and earned a scholar-

ship to play football at South Carolina State University where he set school records for most receptions in a game (9) and in a season (45) in 1985. Norman was inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010 and played three seasons in the Canadian Football League. He was named the Class 1-A Principal of the Year by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association in 2012 and 2014. During the dedication program, Board member Julius Page remarked, "David was an outstanding gentleman, a true scholar. We loved him so much and we miss him."

The gymnasium at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School was named after former coach and educator Edward A. Pellman, Sr. in recognition of the standard of excellence he established as the head coach of the women's basketball team. Pellman's teams won fourteen region titles, recorded thirteen

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Teacher of the Year . . . (continued from pg. 1)

The Teachers of the Year from each school are as follows: **Jessica Elliott**, Bethune-Bowman Elementary School; **Cheryl Boyd-Murray**, Dover Elementary School; **Mary Williams**, Brookdale Elementary School; **Kimberly Jennings**, Marshall Elementary School; **André Moss**, Mellichamp Elementary School; **Monica King**, Rivelon Elementary School; **Michele Crane**, Sheridan Elementary School; **Trese Reed**, Whittaker Elementary School; **Stephanie Tyler**, Clark Middle School; **Shanna White**, Howard Middle School; **Antoinette Rogers**, Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School; **Linda Aiken**, North Middle/High School; **Onize Isa**, Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School; **Carolyn Gaillard**, The Technology Center; and **Rowena Loadholt**, High School for Health Professions.



The **2017-18 OCSD5 District Teacher of the Year** is **Mary Williams** representing Brookdale Elementary School. Williams was joined by Jessica Rowena Loadholt, Kimberly Jennings, Michele Crane, and Carolyn Gaillard as finalists for the OCSD5 District Teacher of the Year award. Profiles of all of the finalists will appear through-

out the year in future editions of our monthly newsletter, the **E-Blast in Five**.

OCSD5 would like to extend its gratitude to Jimmy Jones Toyota of Orangeburg for sponsoring our Teacher of the Year program. Jimmy Jones Toyota donated the use of a brand new Toyota Rav4 to our District Teacher of the Year, Mary Williams, for her exclusive

use during the year that she serves. Since their arrival in the Orangeburg community, Jimmy Jones Toyota has been an outstanding supporter of public education and numerous community projects and events. Please let them know how much we appreciate their support.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of each of our Teachers of the Year and the commitment they bring to their profession," said Superintendent Dr. Jesse Washington. He added, "This group of teachers are strong leaders who represent our district well here and across the State."

The Teachers of the Year at each school were selected by their peers at the end of the previous school year. From there, an independent committee of community leaders met over the summer to review applications and conduct interviews to make the final selection to determine the 2017-18 Finalists and District Teacher of the Year. The Teachers of the Year will meet collectively with the Superintendent throughout the school year to advise him on issues regarding our students, teachers, and schools.

JIMMY JONES
TOYOTA of Orangeburg

OCSD5 STUDENTS RECEIVE NEARLY \$16 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five (OCSD5) set a record for scholarships during the 2016-17 school year with awards totaling \$15,929,700. This surpasses the previous high by more than \$1 million set during the 2014-15 school year.

The scholarship totals for each of the district's four high schools are: **Bethune-Bowman High School** - \$3,402,516; **High School for Health Professions** - \$1,407,382; **North High School** - \$3,289,106; and **Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School** - \$7,830,696.

2 Congratulations to the students, teachers, and staff for their outstanding achievement.



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20-win seasons, made ten Upper State finals appearances, won seven Upper State titles, and captured four Class 4-A state championships in 1987, 1991, 2000, and 2002. His state championship teams in 1987 and 2002 were undefeated. Pellman was inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2012 and the OCSD5 Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. In addition, Pellman was a seven-time Region Coach of the Year, a three-time South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, and a two-time High School Sports Report Statewide Coach of the Year. During his tribute, Board member Henry Jenkins reminisced about working with Coach Pellman for many years. "He (Pellman) would go into his pockets a lot of times," he said. "He would take those children out who didn't have anything. He would feed them and give them anything else they needed." Jenkins added, "And in return, champions came out of it."

The gymnasium at Bethune-Bowman High School was named after Melvin L. Crum in tribute to his more than thirty-five years of dedicated service as an elected member of the Bowman District Two School Board and, following consolidation, as a member of the OCSD5 Board of Trustees. Crum was known as a visionary leader who cared deeply for the district's children. As Chairman of the OCSD5 Board of Trustees, Crum guided the district through the consolidation process and tight economic times. He was also known as a strong legislative advocate for public education at the local, state, and federal levels of government. Crum's involvement in his community was not limited to public education. He was also a successful businessman and farmer. In 1977, following an appointment by former President Jimmy Carter, he became the first African-American to serve as the state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now the Farm Service Agency) in South Carolina. Remembering his friend, Board member Vernon Stephens said, "This day's honor is about recognizing the great contributions that Mr. Crum made to our school district and the positive impact he had on the lives of so many children. He was truly one of our district's great leaders."



Aug.-Sept., 2017

E-BLAST

2017 BACK-TO-SCHOOL-BASH-A-BIG SUCCESS!!



More than 5,000 students and parents attended the **2017 Back to School Bash** on August 5th at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School this year, making it the biggest and most successful event yet.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and volunteers, we were able to provide more than 2,500 backpacks stuffed with grade-appropriate school supplies to our students. The event also featured free food, Italian Ice, a DJ, a live musical performance, and an outdoor carnival with amusement

rides. Representatives from each of our schools and more than forty (40) vendors were on hand to assist parents and provide information about various products and services.

According to Superintendent Dr. Jesse Washington, "I continue to be impressed by the turnout from our parents who obviously support the work of our teachers and schools. I also want to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers. Without them, this wonderful event would not be possible."

Feeding Hungry Children, The “Filling Station” Begins A New Year

A team of enthusiastic volunteers came together on the morning of Friday, September 8th to kick off the work of **The Filling Station**, the district’s internal food pantry project.

Eight years ago at Mellichamp Elementary School, a group of community volunteers led by Heather Bernardo began collecting food to send home with students at the end of the week to ensure they had adequate food and nutrition over the weekend. That program, known as *“Into the Mouths of Babes”*, recognized that although students eat breakfast and lunch at school, many are not eating anything nutritious (and in some cases anything at all) over the weekend until they return to school on Monday. Over the next several years, three other schools in the district developed similar programs.

In March of 2016, a coordinated effort led by Cindy Clark was undertaken to develop a districtwide food pantry program for all of the district’s schools. Joining forces with the volunteers from *“Into the Mouths of Babes”*, the program became known as *“The Filling Station”*. During its first week of existence, a food drive was implemented and donations sufficient to feed fifty-three (53) children over the weekend were received. From that humble beginning, donations and volunteer services to the Filling Station have grown every week and the program now collects and distributes food for the weekend to nearly 1,000 children every Friday.

According to data provided by Feeding America, a nationwide network of foodbanks and the nation’s leading domestic hunger-relief charity, 24.2% of the children in Orangeburg County struggle to get enough to eat. Using this data, and based upon the current student enrollment in OCSD5, approximately 1,600 children in our schools do not regularly have access to adequate nutrition and meals. Although the Filling Station is meeting the needs of many students, an unmet demand remains.

Hayward Jean, the Principal at Mellichamp Elementary School, has seen the impact that hunger can have on student learning and performance. “The Filling Station and Into the Mouths of Babes do more than feed our children’s



bodies, they also feed their souls,” he said. He continued, “Every week this program is filling our student’s hearts with love, which in turn empowers our students for academic success. When a child knows they are loved and valued consistently, they will live up to the expectations placed upon them.”

“Children who are hungry are not prepared to learn, suffer from attendance problems, and are prone to illness and health problems,” said Superintendent Dr. Jesse Washington. He added, “I am so appreciative of the efforts of our volunteers and donors, our students are the true beneficiaries of their generosity.”

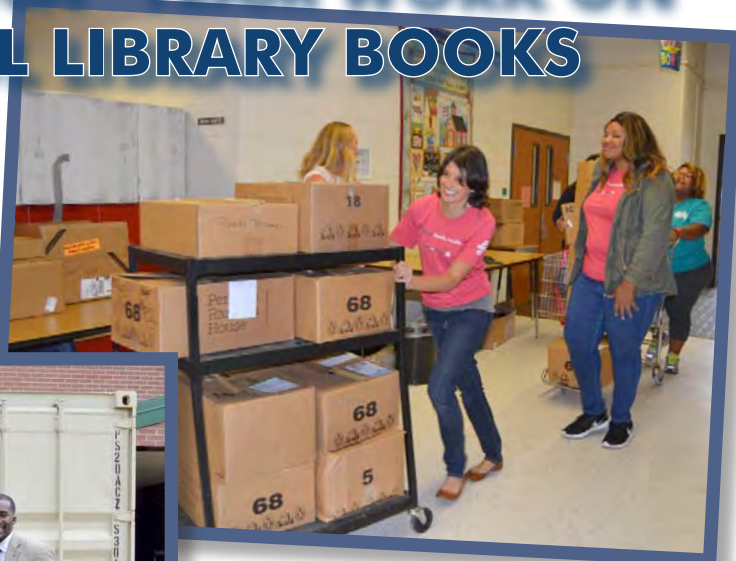
Donations of food items are received at a warehouse facility located behind the OCSD5 District Office on Ellis Avenue and are packaged for delivery to schools by volunteers every Friday morning. The food items are distributed to needy students every Friday during the school year. Popular food items are those that come in individual serving sizes and include single servings of fruit in light syrup, whole grain cereal/granola bars, individual cereal boxes, and canned food with protein like spaghetti and meatballs or ravioli.

The Filling Station is 100% supported by donations and volunteers. Any individuals or organizations desiring to donate food, volunteer their time, or make monetary donations are encouraged to contact Dr. Jacqueline Inabinette at 533-7948 or Jacqueline.inabinette@ocsd5.net.

Moments at Mellichamp...

"TEACH FOR AMERICA" TEAM WORK ON MOVING SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Teach for America put the muscle behind their mission on Wednesday, August 30th. Vanity Jenkins & Josh Bell led the 15-member team that came and unloaded 2 huge storage units that contained the contents of Mellichamp Elementary's school library. It was hot and dirty work but the team performed it cheerfully and efficiently



as they helped get ready to reopen the library after a year of being closed due to last year's floods. Mellichamp thanks them for this invaluable service and looks forward to continuing our partnership.



High School for Health Professions Opens New Campus

The High School for Health Professions celebrated a milestone event on Wednesday, August 16th as they hosted a ribbon-cutting program to officially open their new campus. Following remarks from local dignitaries and elected officials, the public and the media had an opportunity to tour the new facility and see all of the state-of-the-art amenities that the school has to offer.

Planning for the charter school began in 2011 with the school opening in 2012. This ribbon-cutting event marked the beginning of the school's sixth year of existence. During its early years, the school occupied two temporary facilities within the district pending the construction of the new campus. The new building encompasses 16,700 sf and features 21 classrooms, 2 science labs, 2 computer labs, 8 offices, a conference room, and a cafeteria. An outdoor classroom, green spaces, and a basketball court will be added in future phases of construction. The current enrollment at the school is 387 with a maximum enrollment capacity of 400 students. In the coming

school year, the school will add a patient care tech program and a medical assistant program in addition to the ongoing pharmacy technician program. These certified programs will allow students the opportunity to obtain jobs in the health care profession while attending college. Last year, the High School for Health Professions experienced a graduation rate of 100% with all graduating students being accepted into college and/or the armed forces. Approximately 70% of the graduating class received scholarship offers. In addition, more than 50% of these students entered college as second semester freshmen or sophomores as a result of taking dual credit courses during their junior and senior years of high school.

The new campus for the High School for Health Professions is located at 130 Charter School Road in Orangeburg, near the campus of The Technology Center. To learn more about the new campus, or the mission of the High School for Health Professions, contact Principal Angel Malone at (803) 535-1693 or angel.malone@ocsd5.net.

BROOKDALE STUDENTS LEND A HELPING HAND

September 11 is the National Day of Service and Remembrance but the students at Brookdale Elementary School decided to start early. Brookdale is sponsoring a sock drive to help people who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Students were asked to bring in socks during the week of September 5-9, 2017.

September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts that started in 2002. This effort first established the inspiring tradition of engaging in charitable service on 9/11 as an annual tribute to persons directly affected by 9/11.

This was a wonderful experience for the students to learn and experience the joys of giving.



Whittaker's Students Greeted on First Day of School With Cheers!



The first day of school for the students at Whittaker Elementary School was similar to arriving at the Oscars. Our students were greeted with cheers and applause from students from South Carolina State University. Our school theme this year is **"We Are L.I.T.—Leaders In Training"**. We wanted our students and parents to feel like the stars they are. The students from SCSU made sure everyone felt special on the first day of school. Our students even received school supplies from the university students.

Parents were very excited when they brought their children

in that morning. One parent said it was so exciting to see how the children were smiling and happy to be back in school.

The following groups were represented from SCSU: Mr. and Miss SCSU and The Royal Court, SCSU cheerleaders, SGA Officers, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Honors College and The DOLLS (Dedicated Outstanding Ladies Living Strong) a mentoring group. Ms. Kenita Pitts, Program Coordinator for Student Services at SCSU collaborated with Ruby Edwards, Professional School Counselor to ensure the first day of school would be one to remember.

THE DOVER ~ "DISPATCH"

Reading is certainly "Something to Spout About" at Dover Elementary! We know that being able to read is essential in developing the mind, making new discoveries, and determining success. According to Amirah Bowman, 3rd grader, "Reading is fun because you get to learn new words!" Another 3rd grader, E'Monyae McCoy thinks



reading is something to spout about because you learn new information. Lastly, Lavares Jefferson, also a 3rd grader states "Reading helps you learn. It

makes you smart. It helps you learn about stuff and know about people. As we progress through this academic school year and acquire new learning and strategies, we will continue to "Spout About Reading" and become better readers while doing so!



"A GREAT BIG THANK YOU" TO GOLDEN STATE FOODS

Golden State Foods made their yearly gift of book bags to Dover's 1st graders. Present during this event were Mayor Patty Carson and Mayor Pro-tem Jeff Washington. The students were elated to receive their book bags filled with supplies and gifts. Members of the corporation shared stories with the students and talked to them about real world consumer economics.

The students were happy to learn about the day to day operations of business. The gentlemen represented McDonalds and explained to the students the process for making the delicious foods they enjoy. Mr. Jeff Washington discussed his travels for the corporation. They used kid friendly terms and the students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. The donation was made possible by the Golden State Foods Foundation. Mr. Jeff Washington is an active contributor to the foundation. Dover is grateful for their partners in education and look forward to continued collaboration in the future.



Breathe! That's what Sylvia Williams, principal of Dover Elementary, is telling her faculty and staff this year. A copy of the book "*Breathe*", by Scott Magoon was given to each employee. The title itself encourages the practice of taking time to breathe. In addition, the book helps to foster the ideology of implementing reflective practices. The illustrative ingenuity of this book displays a creative and serene atmosphere. Mrs. Williams wanted to open the school year with this book because its inspirational message is relevant and timeless.

MARSHALL'S MESSAGES...

Popsicles With the Principals

On Friday, August 25th, the Principal, along with her assistant principals met with each grade level and discussed this year's expectations for students. The students were briefly introduced to a new program Marshall Elementary will be using this school year. Various grade levels will team up to form a HOUSE which will work toward becoming a

community of learners and leaders. Principals also shared Operation BEE: Best Execution for Excellence. The students learned they need to continue working hard to be the best in all that they do; this includes appearance, manners, and academics. At the conclusion of this brief meeting, each student was given a popsicle.



Marshall's Locker Room - Ready to Use!



To help address the issue of bulky, incomplete science kits taking up unnecessary space in teachers' classrooms, Ms. Glen (Digital Resource Coach) and Ms. D. Smith (Read to Succeed Literacy Coach), came up with a plan to neatly organize investigation materials in a way that was easily accessible to teachers. To carry out that plan, the coaches started breaking down old, incomplete kits and separating materials. They also sorted through the math manipulatives and center activities that were available for teacher use. That task was followed by soliciting a donation of bags from local stores. Although the bags allowed for the materials to be separated and semi-organized, the room was still not where the coaches envisioned. So they continued on the journey of creating the resource room and wrote a grant. Around mid-year, the coaches were notified that their grant was fully funded!

Thanks to various funding sources, guided reading sets were ordered to fulfill Ms. Smith's dream of creating a wall to wall Book Room for teachers. Soon, the room was filled with boxes of supplies including books, baskets, and shelves galore! After months of assembling shelves, alphabetizing materials, creating labels, and taking an initial inventory of the room among other work, The Locker Room was ready for use! Currently, The Locker Room is open for shared planning between the coaches and classroom teachers at Marshall. As envisioned, it is a comfortable space for getting important work done!

"THE SCOOP" @ SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY

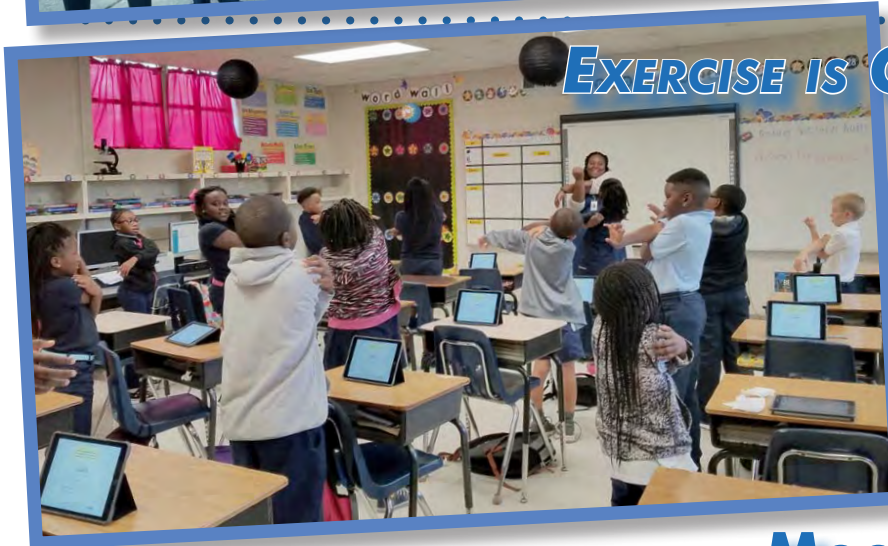
Sheridan Students Prepare For The 2017 Solar Eclipse

Sheridan Elementary School faculty and students prepared to make the Solar Eclipse 2017, an astronomical event, safe and educational. Dr. Derrick James, Assistant Principal at Howard Middle School, visited Mrs. James' classroom to share details of what was



expected during the event. He provided solar glasses for everyone and modeled how to use them in a safe manner. Upon returning to school the following week, Mr. Ott, the art teacher, assisted the students with creating amazing artwork in honor of this special event.

EXERCISE IS GOOD FOR THE SCORES!



Ms. Thurman, a tech savvy fourth grade math and science teacher, was one of many who took on the challenge of assessing on the iPads in the classroom. As administrators walked by, she was observed doing something rather "out of the box". Her students' iPads were ready to test, though they were not in their seats. She had every student doing their morning exercises! When they were done, the students were wide awake and ready to take on the tasks at hand.

Meet the Teacher Night

Students often feel a little anxious when the first day of school approaches. One way we try to alleviate that is through our Meet the Teacher Night. On August 15, 2017, our families came out to meet their new teachers for the 2017-18 school year. Families took the time to ask questions and to get to know the teachers. Parents and students left campus with a snap shot of the expectations for the new school year.

SES Pre-K Orientation

Many families came out to meet their child's first teacher. The purpose of the session was to learn about the policies and procedures for Pre-K program, tour the school, and meet the staff.

HSHP's RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The High School for Health Professions (HSHP) held a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 17, 2017 to officially open its new school. Principal Mrs. Angel H. Malone welcomed many community members including, legislators, school board members, faculty, staff, parents and students.

Special remarks were given by Bud Ferillo, producer and director of the documentary, Corridor of Shame. Mr. Ferillo observed that HSHP was an example of how the Corridor of Shame can transform into the Corridor of Collaboration, as leadership at HSHP worked with both private and public entities to complete the new school.

It was a special day that celebrated the opening of the new school building. The state-of-the-art building is located at 130 Howard Hill Drive in Orangeburg. Visit www.hsdp.ocsd5.net to learn more about the school.



Left to Right: Andrew Silver, Bud Ferillo, Mayor Michael Butler, Senator John W. Matthews, Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter, Principal Mrs. Angel Malone, Senator Brad Hutto, Dr. Verlie A. Tisdale, and Representative Jerry N. Govan.

FBLA GOES TO ANAHEIM



The HSHP chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) traveled to Anaheim, CA., from June 28 - July 3, 2017, for the FBLA National Leadership Conference. HSHP sent ten students to participate in the conference. The following students qualified to compete nationally against the best in the nation: Amaya Calloway, Takayla Hart, Christopher Key, Ahnazha Muhuammad, Tyjanik White, Danyel Dantzler and Micah McCoy.

The students enjoyed competing and attending workshops. In addition, the students met fellow FBLA members from across the nation, as well as Puerto Rico, Haiti, and China. Throughout the school year, FBLA raised over \$7,000 to attend the conference. While in California, the students visited Disneyland, attended an Anaheim Angels baseball game and visited the beaches of the Pacific Ocean.



HSHP Back to School Conference

On August 19, 2017 HSHP had their very own Back to School Conference on the campus of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. The goal was to set expectations for the new school year and discuss the theme of the school year – It's all about R.E.S.P.E.C.T – Relationships Empower Student Performance to Establish Character and Tenacity. The school enjoyed a pep rally, which included class spirit chants, class dance contest and a performance by the South Carolina State cheerleaders. After showing our school spirit, the administrators reviewed important policies, procedures and expectations for the school year.

Each class was given their own breakout session to discuss different issues that affect each class. At the end of the conference, students received a class shirt that showed off their Mighty Blue and Gold pride.

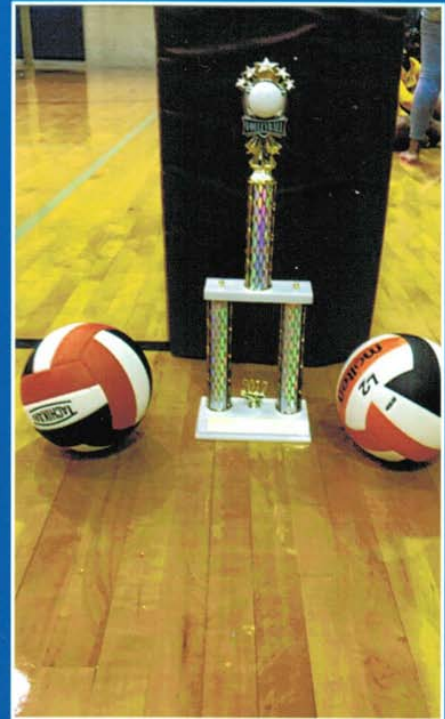
NEWS from North Middle/High School

Eagles Place Second in Tournament

NMHS Varsity Volleyball



Aug. 26, 2017



The North Middle/High School volleyball team participated in the Orangeburg-Wilkinson Bruinette Classic Volleyball Tournament held on August 26, 2017. There were 29 teams from around the state, and NMHS finished 2nd in the South Pool.

North High Students Attend Statewide Leadership Program

Palmetto Boys State and Palmetto Girls State are programs that includes leadership and citizenship training. North High School students Daiquel Houser, Amber New, and Patrick Mack were chosen as delegates and spent a week in June this summer learning more about government and politics. They had the opportunity to run for office, participate in mock elections, and debate current issues. Daiquel, Amber, and Patrick were selected to attend based on their school involvement and leadership skills.





OCSD5 2017-2018 CALENDAR

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July 4 Independence Day Holiday
 August 10-16 Teacher Workdays/Staff Development
 August 17 First Day for Students
 August 21 No School (Solar Eclipse)
 September 4 Labor Day Holiday
 September 19 Interim Reports Issued
 October 20 1st Nine Weeks Ends (45th Day)
 October 27 Parent/Teacher Conference (SW1)
 Report Cards Issued, No School for Students
 Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
 Nov. 27 Interim Reports Issued
 Dec. 18-Jan. 1 Winter Break (18-19 SW2-SW3)
 January 2 School Opens/Return from Break
 January 12 First Term Ends (90th Day)
 January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday
 January 16 Teacher/Staff Development Day
 January 23 Parent/Teacher Conference, 1-4 PM
 (Early Dismissal) Report Cards Issued
 February 16 Interim Reports Issued
 February 19 President's Day Holiday (SW4)
 March 21 3rd Nine Weeks Ends (135th Day)
 March 23 Teacher Work Day (No School)
 March 30 Parent/Teacher Conference (SW5)
 Report Cards Issued, No School for Students
 April 2-6 Spring Break
 April ACT/Work Keys Testing - TBA
 May 1 Interim Reports Issued
 May PASS, PASS Field Tests, Make-ups - TBA
 June 1 2nd Terms Ends (180th Day)
 JUNE 1 GRADUATION (HSHP & North)
 JUNE 2 GRADUATION (O-W & Bowman)
 June 4 Teacher/Staff Development Day or (SW6)

- School Days
- No School for Students/Employees
- Teacher Workday No School for Students
- First & Last Day of School
- PD/Early Dismissal
- End of Quarter

Severe Weather Make-up Days (SW1-SW6)

BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES FOR EMPLOYEE GROUPS

190 August 10, 2017 - June 4, 2018
 200 August 3, 2017 - June 11, 2018
 210 July 27, 2017 - June 18, 2018
 220 July 20, 2017 - June 25, 2018
 230 July 12, 2017 - June 29, 2018
 240 July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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