

# IRMO HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS SIC ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21



## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Student Justin Hayes, 1st Place, SC Wrestling Championship
- Student Alex Blocker, Delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program
- Student Matt Matheny, National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student
- Student Emily Himler, 1st Runner-Up, 2020 Congressional Art Competition for the 2nd District of SC
- JROTC selected as Distinguished Unit, 22 consecutive years
- Region AAAA Coaches of the Year, Aaron Brand, Football; and Tim Whipple, Boys Basketball
- Green Steps Overall School of the Year
- Volunteer Linda Byars, Green Steps Volunteer of the Year
- Director of School Counseling Dorothy Nero, CTE Counselor of the Year
- Student Nutrition Manager Faye Golding, SC Manager of the Year
- Teacher Colleen Marcou elected President, SC Music Educators Association
- Media Specialist Erin Parker elected to SCASL Board
- Teacher Karan Bundrick, SC Council for Exceptional Children (SCCEC) Educator of the Year
- Teacher Sarah Ostergaard, Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union Educator of the Year
- Student Tyra Jefferson, SC Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Student Savon Plaines, District Finalist for the Magnet Schools of American Poster Contest
- 5 choir students selected for All-State Chorus
- 6 band students selected for All-State Band
- 4 orchestra students selected for All-State Orchestra

## ANNUAL GOALS 2016-2021

- Graduation rates will improve by 5% as reported by the SC Department of Education.
- Average SAT score will improve by 25 points and the ACT composite will improve by 2.0 points.
- End of Course exam scores will improve by 10%.
- Student on-task behavior in class will improve by 10% as measured by teacher, parent, and student survey results; referrals for classroom disruptions in Educators' Handbook will decrease 10%.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Expansion of Dual Enrollment (DE) course offerings with Midlands Technical College to include additional DE courses that will lead to an Associates in Arts degree
- Continued collaboration between Irmo High School, The Center for Advanced Technical Studies, and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Career Related Programme; we also continue to offer the IB Diploma Programme
- Enrollment of rising 9th graders in This Is Escolares!, our new magnet program for academically gifted students, connecting Escolares in earlier grades with International Baccalaureate at IHS in 11th/12th grades
- Implementation of sustainability projects to become more environmentally responsible in our role as a certified Green Step School
- Induction of five alumni and a former coach into the IHS Hall of Fame
- Establishment of Irmo High School Athletics Hall of Fame
- Selection as participant in the 2021 School Garden & Education Assistance Program through the SC Department of Education
- Continued certification as a Certified National Merit School by Magnet Schools of America. Certified schools ensure high standards and expectations in diversity, innovative curricula and professional development, high-quality instruction, academic excellence, and family and community partnerships
- Organization by PTSO of 2nd annual Irmo Strong Fun Run for all Irmo Cluster schools
- Hosting of first virtual theater performance and talent show "Irmo's Got Talent" by Irmo Theatre Company
- Recognition of 101 students as recipients of the Be All You Can Be award through a program co-sponsored by PTSO and Optimist Club of St. Andrews-Irmo
- College signings for 7 IHS student athletes
- Participation in and raising funds in excess of financial goal for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge

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Academics



Arts



Attendance



Athletics



Attitude

## ACADEMICS

Irmo High School offers rigorous academic programs to support students' varied post-secondary plans as well as elective courses to foster growth in academic achievement, life skills, fine arts, and physical fitness. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, the IB Career-related Programme, Advanced Placement courses, and Dual Enrollment opportunities continue to challenge students academically and prepare them for future success. Teachers utilize a variety of instructional strategies, such as cooperative learning, to actively engage students and encourage them to become lifelong learners. Professional development for teachers includes training in technology, cooperative learning, and arts-based education.

## ARTS

Irmo High School is an arts-focused school with options for experiences in vocal and instrumental music, dance, theatre, and many disciplines of visual arts. Each program has various course levels to include any students who want to participate, as well as specialized instruction within each program such as world percussion, piano, technical theatre production, stained glass, and ceramic arts. Our highly trained teachers, practice facilities, and Center for the Arts provide our students with a world-class environment for arts education and production.

## ATTITUDE

Students who continuously practice our 3-Rs of Being Respectful, Responsible and Reputable are entered into a weekly drawing consisting of a variety of incentives to include student recognition, experiences, and some tangible items. These students are also eligible to participate in our quarterly celebrations that are created from student voice. Social/Emotional Learning integration is offered in every class through pre-recorded videos. These social emotional mini lessons are directly tied to our behavior expectations.

## ATHLETICS

Irmo High School offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities for both boys and girls. In conjunction with Irmo Middle School, there are Varsity, Junior Varsity, and C-Team levels for many teams. This past year, our students participated in baseball, cheer, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swim, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. We congratulate: Girls Cross Country, 1st place AAAA Region 4; Boys Basketball, 2nd place AAAA Region 4; Girls Basketball, 2nd place AAAA Region 4; Football, 2nd place AAAA Region 4; Girls Golf, 2nd place AAAA Region 4; Coach Brand, AAAA Region 4 Football Coach of the Year; and Coach Whipple, AAAA Basketball Region 4 Coach of the Year.

## ATTENDANCE

Our intentional focus of encouraging students to be in class on time every day is a part of our daily messaging. In collaboration with our School Counseling Department and social worker, we provide support to families to communicate the importance and connection of attendance and academic success. In addition to academic attendance, we encourage students to participate in extracurricular opportunities and to support one another by attending school events such as athletics, theatre, and more.

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## SIC MEMBERS

### PARENTS

Elizabeth Barrett  
Angela Bruccoli  
Janet Jordan  
Melinda Petruzzi  
Rosie Robinson  
Vanonna Squire  
Cheryl Washington

### COMMUNITY

Julie Bird  
Linda Byars  
Mark Gentry  
Toni Karl - Vice Chair  
Thornton Kirby  
Rhonda Midgette  
Susan Robertson  
Beth White - Chairperson

### STAFF

Cherisha Floyd  
Timothy Kinney  
Mary Lamm  
Jennifer Tudor - Secretary  
Andrew Walker

### STUDENTS

Alaura Cakely  
Kaliyah Hicks  
Mackenzie Hughes  
Sarayu Vuddandapu  
Cayden Williams

### EX-OFFICIO

Robin Hardy  
Pam Hughes  
Amy Smith  
D. C. Terry, Sr.