



R.B. Stall High School

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R.B. Stall hosts Distance and Throws Festival

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Charleston, SC – R.B. Stall High School hosted the James Island Distance and Throws event Saturday, February 24, 2024. The event is the pre-season James Island festival meet where multiple teams competed in distance running and throwing events. There were approximately 17 teams and 500 athletes in attendance. Academic Magnet High School and Lucy Garrett Beckham High School joined Stall as Charleston County School District competitors.

"We were delighted to be the host the James Island Distance and Throws event," said Athletic Director Michelle Wilson. "It was a great opportunity to showcase our campus and to see how well prepared we are as a department to host future meets and events. Our administration team and district personnel have been working diligently on exciting plans to expand our athletic complex in order to compete with neighboring 5A programs. We are taking steps in the right direction by bringing our home events 'home'."

James Island Charter High School (JICHHS) was the original host of the event, but was unable to provide their facilities for the event this year. Thanks to the working relationship between the two schools, and their athletic departments, Stall volunteered their facilities. The newly installed lights around the track facilities at Stall proved to be beneficial as the event ran into the evening hours.

"We are deeply committed to our (Stall) student-athletes, CCSD athletics, and the broader community, exemplified by our collaboration with James Island High School to host the Distance and Throws Festival," said Head Coach Andres Casson. "This event not only showcased our campus potential but also highlighted the district's dedication to gradually enhancing our facilities for equitable competition."

Casson and Wilson both agreed that despite the strain on Stall's current athletic complex, the Stall and James Island staff worked together to execute a well-organized track meet, accommodating teams, athletes, and hundreds of spectators.

"While I hadn't anticipated our first home meet to be of such magnitude, the unwavering support from our faculty, staff, Executive Principal Steve Larson,

Athletic Director Michelle Wilson, and Maintenance Supervisor Michael Dellinger enabled us to aim high," Casson added. "With forthcoming facility improvements, we not only bolster our competitive standing against neighboring 5A programs but also cultivate a sense of pride and unity within our community."

Wilson said that the event was a sneak peek at what Stall will be able to host once our facilities are improved.

"I consider this event a soft launch," said Wilson. "Stall's next chapter will be hosting a full meet."

Casson said that bringing events like this 'home' not only strengthens the Stall athletic department but also enhances community engagement and support.

"It represents a crucial step in nurturing our students' growth and success, both on and off the field," said Casson.

Willson said the athletes were proud to be Stall Warriors Saturday afternoon and look forward to more events.

"The smiles on our athlete's faces to be able to compete on our home field were priceless," said Executive Principal Steve Larson. "I am so proud of our staff for pulling this together."

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

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