Forestbrook Middle School24-25 School Summary Report

2019 Palmetto Gold/Excellent Ranked School
2015 National Blue Ribbon School
2014 Palmetto's Finest School

School Mission

The Mission of Forestbrook Middle School, a nurturing family responsive to an evolving community, is to ensure that all learners are prepared for and committed to lifelong learning with integrity by challenging students with innovative curriculum, teaching with high expectations, and cultivating individual talents.

School Improvement Council

Meghan Stiles – Chair, Heather Campbell – Secretary, Connie Rogers – Advisory Board Member, Shannon Garrow, PTO President, Stephanie Bushong, Jessica Lugo, Holly Moore, Grayson Hancock, Rita D'Ippolito, Amber Welch, Abby Barats, Rob Kegler—Community Member, Melissa Rutenberg—Principal

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Horry County Schools

Dear Forestbrook Middle School Gator families:

It is our sincere pleasure to share this annual school report with our school community. Forestbrook Middle School has high expectations and standards for our students, and our staff takes great pride in providing a safe and secure learning environment, while at the same time offering a wide array of exciting and challenging academic programs, clubs and athletics. Each year we are filled with pride as we watch our students grow and learn and become responsible young adults. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of students at Forestbrook Middle School, and we continue to work in partnership with our families and community to ensure our students' success. We know that having your support is an essential part of our success, and we thank you for all that you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable.

At Forestbrook Middle School, we have a proud tradition of excellence that is associated with being a past SC State Department of Education Palmetto Gold/Excellent Ranked School, Palmetto's Finest and National Blue Ribbon award winner. Academically our students have continued to perform at high levels in all areas. In addition, our students and faculty have continued to excel both in and out of the classroom. We have provided opportunities for student success beyond the classroom through our clubs and activities designed to enhance the middle school experience and to foster individual talents. We continue to honor students who display excellence through our Student of the Week program, and many incentive programs throughout the school year. Our students continue to receive the highest praise while on field trips out in the community. In all aspects of our school, we embrace our motto of "Excellence, Every Day, Everywhere!"

Thank you for taking the time to read this annual report and to celebrate the accomplishments of our school and community. As always, we appreciate your support of Forestbrook Middle School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Rutenberg
Principal

Mrs. Meghan Stiles
School Improvement Council Chairperson



Administrative Team

Community and Parent Involvement

Pastries for Parents at Library Book Fair
Backpack Buddies—Year-Round Food Distribution for Students
Free Breakfast and Lunch for ALL Students
Veterans Day Art and Writing Contests and Vet Receiving Line/Banquet
Family/Business Donations to School
FMS Angel Tree: Donations Supported 40 Students and Families
FMS Polar Plunge Team Raised Over $6,000 for Special Olympics #1 School in HCS
#1 Heart Health Middle School for funds raised for the AHA.
Socastee Attendance Area Advisory Board
Bilingual School Correspondence
100% of 6th Graders & 7th Graders Completed Virtual Career Exploration
100% of 8th Graders Participated in Pathways to Possibilities Career Expo
830 Students Participated in FMS Career Fair
Parent Survey
Eighth Grader Recognition, Parents' Nights, and Awards Ceremonies for Sports Teams
Orientations and Back-to-School Nights for Parents and Students to Meet Teachers and Administrators
Active and Supportive PTO and School Improvement Council
Support of Ronald McDonald House through pop tab collection
Jr. Beta Club Community Service Events
Special Olympics—multiple gold medals and student coaches



Annual SHS Graduation Walk for FMS Alumni

Celebrate With Us!

Administration

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Sylvester Carr, Assistant Principal—scarr002@horrycountyschools.net
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Academic Awards and Other Honors

2015 National Blue Ribbon School
Seven National Board-Certified Teachers
Nationally Recognized Jr. BETA School
21 Junior Scholars
Students Qualified for Regional and National History Day Competition
Student Awards at 2024 Horry County Schools District Technology Fair
2nd place Rubik's Cube team
Yearbook Named National Program of Excellence by Jostens in 2022 and 2016
Teachers Presented at a Variety of State and National Conferences
Alpha/Beta, Behavior, and Assessment Achievement Incentives
Students of the Week Recognition

Student Academic Activities

Black History Month—Writing and Art Contests and Displays
Multi-Lingual Learner Classes and ELA Co-Teach Pilot Program
School-Sponsored Creative Writing and Art Contests
Student Writing/Art Contests, Displays, And Presentations for Veterans Day
Pi Day Events
MakerSpace in Library
After-School Extended Learning, Credit Recovery, and Band Tutoring Programs
CCU Teal Day and Mentoring Program

Extracurricular Activities

Archery Team
Band Director's Award
Basketball, Football, and Cheer
Won the HTC Football Bowl
Active Participation in Socastee High School Sports
Polar Plunge #1 Team
Spirit Week, Red Ribbon Week, Holiday Caroling, and Charitable Giving
Book Fair, Book Club, Battle of the Books
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Spirit Weeks/Dress-Up Days for Athletics, Holidays, and More

Life Skills

Guidance Department
Red Ribbon Week Activities
STOMP Out Bullying Events
HTC Reel Kids—Recognition for Students Excelling Despite Significant Challenges

Clubs

MakerSpace
Junior Beta
Yearbook Staff
National Junior Art Honor Society
Robotics
Technology/Rubik's Club
Fishing Club
Gators Got Talent
Girls on the Run



Soil and Water Essay Winners



Band Director's Award (2nd Year)



HCS Tech Fair Winners

Forestbrook Middle School
23-24 SC Ready Assessment Data

ELA w/TDA	OVERALL	54.4 % M/E
ELA w/TDA	6	58.4% M/E
ELA w/TDA	7	54.8% M/E
ELA w/TDA	8	50.2% M/E

Math	OVERALL	40.2% M/E
Math	6	45.3% M/E
Math	7	38.8% M/E
Math	8	36.6% M/E

Visual and Performing Arts, Communications

FMS Music Programs are Nearly 350 Students Strong
Band Superior Rating at CPA State Festival
SCBDA Performance Award (2nd year)
1st Seat Honors Jazz Band
14 Students qualified for Region Band and 1 All State
32 Students qualified for All County Band
Students qualified for Southern Region Choir
21 Students qualified for All County Chorus
2 Students qualified for All State Chorus
5 Students qualified for National Honor Choir
Students Qualified for All-County Orchestra
2 Students qualified for Region Orchestra
Gators Got Talent Annual Talent Show
Fine Arts Day at SES Feeder School
FMS Students in SHS Annual Musical
Highly attended winter concert series
Highly attended spring concert series
Blackboard/Parent Link System

Art Students Attended multiple classes and museums in Savannah, GA
First Friday Art Sale Myrtle Beach Dowtown
Students Inducted into National Junior Art Honor Society
Black History Month Art and Writing winners
Veterans Day Art and Writing winners
Lions Club Peace Poster Contest winners
3rd place Soil and Water Essay Contest Winner
Honors SC History Class trip to Charleston, SC
Spirit Rock Provided by Student Council and PTO
Daily Digital and PA Student Announcements
Hallway and Office Video Monitors Display Student Activity Photos, Awards, Alpha/Beta Status
Bi-Weekly Parent Newsletter via Email
FMS Web Page, Facebook Page, and Instagram
Gator Guides, Ambassadors, and Greeters