

Dear Parents,

The South Carolina Education Accountability Act of 1998 requires Abbeville High School to improve student performance and to take actions to improve classroom practice. Parents, community members, students, and faculty share the responsibility for the learning process. The faculty of AHS believe all students have the right to learn in a safe, comfortable, and disciplined environment. We commit ourselves to student success and believe every student should have an opportunity to fulfill his or her potential. We are proud of our school and community and look forward to the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Glenn

## School Improvement Accomplishments 2007-2008

- Increased the percent of 2nd year students who pass all parts of the HSAP on the first attempt to 82.2%.
- The number of African American students that pass the ELA portion of HSAP on their first attempt increased by 4 percentage points.
- Began monthly meetings of the School Improvement Council to increase parental involvement.
- Increased the number of students that qualify for life scholarship to 49.7%.
- Increased graduation rate of 79.7% to 81.1%.
- The number of teachers that are highly qualified in the area they teach is 99%.

## School Improvement Goals 2008-2009

- Increase the percent of 2nd year students who pass all parts of the HSAP on the first attempt from 82.2 to 86%.
- Increase the number of African American students that pass the HSAP on their first attempt.
- Improve the learning environment by increasing parental involvement.
- Increase the number of available upper level (AP) courses.
- Increase graduation rate of 79.7% to 82%.
- Increase passage rate on all EOC test.

### Organizations and Accomplishments



The **AHS Yearbook Staff** worked extremely hard this year. We successfully raised \$34,000 to complete the yearbook. We were very successful with the Miss Abbeville High School pageant. Our editor, Alex Sherard, led the team to completion of the yearbook in record time. We completed all deadlines and have begun to prepare next year's co-editors Kayla Spencer and MaryBeth Driver to a great start selling ads and senior pages. Next year, we would like to have an all-color yearbook.



**The National Beta Club** strives to hold fast to the principles of honesty, to maintain a credible record, and to cultivate into life the principles of service and leadership to others. To be in Beta Club a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA, have no disciplinary referrals, and receive recommendations from teachers. This year we inducted 51 new members. Students must participate in at least two service events throughout the year. This year's activities included a Christmas shopping trip for the self-contained class, Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia/Lymphoma Foundation, MDS Association Shamrock sell, and Cystic Fibrosis Rock-A-Thon.



**AHS Band** had a great season. Our show was called, "The Rise and Fall of Rome." We placed in all our contests. We received many awards including Best Color Guard led by Jessica Poore, Best Horn Line led by Artavious Rollinson, and Best Percussion Section led by Tiffany Clinkscales. Woodwinds were superiorly led by Raven Rollinson. Drum Majorette and senior, Brittany Hilley, has led the band to success for two seasons.

**Winterguard**, which is an extension of the Colorguard, was successfully directed by Paige Bowser and led by Captain Nashari Brown. Thirteen students worked hard to perform program of flag and gun titled "All These Things That I've Done" by the Killers. They participated in the Carolina Indoor Performance Association



The **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** offers students spiritual support in many ways. Every other week we meet in the evening to fellowship, listen to praise and worship music, listen to a guest speaker, or participate in a student-led Bible study. We also offer light refreshments at this time. Our leadership team attended a planning workshop to better prepare for the year and meets weekly to prepare. To serve our community, we sponsored the annual "See you at the Pole," and the 2nd annual "Fields of Faith," a student-led praise and prayer meeting for the community on the football field that takes place at stadiums across the nation. We also took a great group of students to the 26th Annual FCA State High School Retreat at Garden City Chapel.



**AHS FFA** consists of hardworking and devoted students that want to develop pride in helping our community. This year, we were recognized as a three star Gold National Chapter for our excellence in student, chapter and community development. This award was presented to our members on stage during the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis Indiana. Additionally, the SC FFA Association recognized us as their Agriculture Program of the Year in the state. We won the state award in the Knowledge Bowl competition and were state runner-up in Parliamentary Procedure. Four members attended the Washington Leadership Conference in our nation's capitol during the summer.



**Interact** is AHS's branch of the Rotary Club, which is a community and international service organization. It is made up of 94 sophomores, juniors and seniors who have committed themselves to community service and fund-raising to support many local and international projects. The club provided Christmas from Santa for 50 community children which resulted in \$5000 in contributions. It also organizes the Abbeville High School Relay for Life Team. Contributions average \$600.00 each year. The members are required to complete at least one school and one community project a year. This year the club members assisted in the fall festivals at Long Cane and Westwood Elementary, helped with the Rotary Bowl, Hash Bash on the Square, decorated the Nursing home various on holidays, put on skits at the school, as well as various fundraisers for Relay for Life.



**Student Council** has been extremely busy. We coordinated an annual blood drive, homecoming pep rally with skits by different organizations and spirit floats from each class, powder puff football for junior and senior girls, and a food drive at Thanksgiving. We managed parking at AHS and used the proceeds to purchase items needed by our school and to provide meals for teachers going through medical problems. We also provided wonderful surprises for Teacher Appreciation Week.

## New Courses

**Law Education** allows students to get a first-hand experience of constitutional law, the judicial process, and public policymaking. It is supplemented by materials provided by the S.C. Bar. Students have participated in simulated congressional hearings, mock trial competitions, writing judicial cases for elementary and middle school students, and currently attempting to create real public policy by following the proper channels of the governmental structure. The course has a strong emphasis on public speaking, collective decision making, and requires them to learn quick thinking skills. Students participating in this course and the competitions are eligible for scholarships through the S.C. Bar. The class also received a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of laptops, conference tables and chairs, and printers to help them through the process of learning the legal system.

AHS sent two teams to the **Piedmont Regional Mock Trial Competition**. Students participated as either an attorney or a witness. This year's case reenacted the *Liebeck v. McDonald's* lawsuit, where the plaintiff sued the corporation for serving scalding hot coffee that caused her to suffer 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns. Elizabeth Lewis and Brittany Hasse received "Best Witness" awards, while Tanisha Owens earned "Most Effective Attorney" honors. Students have been working to create mock trial cases for elementary and middle school students to create a summer program for the students of Abbeville County. Next year, our goal is to win the Piedmont Regional and to participate in the State Championships. State winners are rewarded the opportunity to participate in the national competition and travel to some very interesting venues around the United States.

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