



## BARNWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

*Education – The Key to Our Future*

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Barnwell School District 45 is proud of the accomplishments of our district. This was made possible by our outstanding faculty and staff. All employees in our district strive to provide rigorous and challenging opportunities for our students. Barnwell is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees elected for three-year terms.

We achieved District Accreditation by AdvancED.

We have updated our five year strategic plan and begun a multi-year project to upgrade facilities. Our facilities are clean, well maintained and equipped to support any modern education programs.

We offer teacher salaries that are among the highest in the state.

Students in each school benefit from services contributed by community volunteers, businesses, and industries. Each school is adopted by local businesses and industries.

For 20 consecutive years, Barnwell Schools has met all Standards of Quality which evaluate a district's performance in achievement test results, accreditation deficiencies, drop-out rates, student and staff attendance. These standards are set each year by the South Carolina State Board of Education.

Parents and community members have opportunities for active involvement in Barnwell Schools through School Improvement Councils, Scarlet Knights Band Boosters Club, and the Warhorse Booster Club.

Citizens in Barnwell School District 45 who are retired or who are 65 or older may receive a *GOLDEN PASS*. The pass allows free admission to home athletic events and other activities.

Art, music, and physical education are taught in all schools of the district.

Psychological and health services are supplied by professional personnel. Students are screened for speech and hearing.

There are over 1,000 computers in the district that are used to assist with instruction and administration.

School Lunch Program: 4 cafeterias serve an average of 1900 lunches and 750 breakfasts daily.

*The mission of Barnwell Schools is to provide challenging, appropriately-focused educational opportunities for our children in a safe and nurturing school environment.*

**Barnwell High School**  
474 Jackson Street  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Principal: Jon Burdge

**Guinyard-Butler Middle School**  
779 Allen Street  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Principal: Craig Hart

**Barnwell Elementary School**  
10524 Marlboro Avenue  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Principal: Sherry McIver

**Barnwell Primary School**  
734 Hagood Avenue  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Principal: Donna Selvey

**Barnwell School District Office**  
770 Hagood Avenue  
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### Strategic Plan

**Goal #1 – Student Achievement:** By the end of the 2012-13 academic year, the results on statewide assessments will show an increase of 3% in student achievement as measured by statewide assessments in grades K-12.

**Goal #2 – Teacher Quality:** 1) The number of the core academic subject area teachers that are highly qualified as defined by the NCLB will be 100% by the beginning of the 2021-2013 academic year. 2) The number of teachers that will be proficient in technology by their next certificate renewal period will be 100% by the end of the 2012-13 academic year. 3) The number of teachers receiving a judgment of “competent” on ADEPT evaluations will be 100% by the end of the 2012-13 school year.

**Goal #3 – School Climate:** The percentage of our students, teachers and parents satisfied with the Learning Environment, Home School Relations, and Social Physical Environment will increase on an average to 92%.

**BARNWELL HIGH SCHOOL**  
Jon Burdge, Principal, Barnwell High School  
Debra Coleman, SIC Chairperson, Barnwell High School

This report to the People is for you the parents, patrons, and the community supporters of Barnwell High School. Throughout the report you will see the progress made by faculty, staff, and students toward meeting the ambitious goals that we have established for our school. It is our belief that we will continue to improve as long as we work together with our students as our focus. We wish to provide the very best possible educational experience for your children. You are an important part of the success that we enjoy. Thank you for your valuable support.

**Major Accomplishments for 2012-2013 School Year**

- Our senior class of 2013 earned in excess of \$2,965,472.00 in scholarships.
- In 2013, fifty-one seniors earned Enhanced Diplomas.
- Eight Barnwell High School seniors earned the President's Education Award based on PSAT scores.
- Barnwell High School continued to partner with the Southern Regional Education Board and the State Department of Education in the High Schools That Work initiative.
- Approximately forty-one Barnwell High School students and community members volunteered their time during the 2012-13 school year to mentor students at Barnwell Primary, Barnwell Elementary, and Guinyard-Butler Middle School. The mentors offer love, encouragement, and advice to help students feel better about themselves and have a greater chance to experience success in their lives.
- Eight Barnwell High School seniors were named South Carolina Palmetto Fellows and each received scholarships for approximately \$214,400 (\$6,700 annually) to attend a college in South Carolina. Eligibility requirements include at least 1200 on SAT or 27 on ACT, a 3.5 GPA, and rank in the top six percent of their class.
- Thirty-six students were recipients of the South Carolina four-year Life Scholarship for approximately \$720,000 (\$5,000 annually) to attend a four year college or university in South Carolina.
- Thirty-six students were recipients of the South Carolina two- year Life Scholarship for approximately \$360,000 (\$5,000 annually) to attend a two year college in South Carolina.
- Fifty-one students were recipients of the South Carolina Lottery Tuition for approximately \$91,800 (\$900 annually).
- Ten students were recipients of the South Carolina HOPE Scholarship for approximately \$28,000 (\$2,800 annually).
- Fifteen seniors were recognized by the SC High School League as scholar athletes.
- Two Barnwell High School students attended the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar.
- The 2013 graduating class of Barnwell High School had eighteen honor graduates.
- Four graduating seniors received the South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Award.
- Two students attended Girls State.
- Two students attended Boys State.
- Two students won the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.
- The "Scarlet Knights" Marching Band earned a first place rating in class AA at the Garden City Classic in Orangeburg, South Carolina.
- Two students were selected to participate in the Edisto Conference Honor Band.
- One student on the Debate team earned the degree of Superior Distinction.
- The Debate team earned twenty-two NFL (National Forensic League) degrees this year.
- The Debate team won the third place Sweepstakes award at the University of South Carolina Speech Tournament.
- The Barnwell High School JROTC was designated as Junior ROTC "Honor Unit with Distinction" during the 2012-2013 school year. The Department of the Army presents this award only to the

Junior ROTC units that maintain an exceptionally high standard of performance.

- Four members of the JROTC Academic Team will compete in the National Championship.
- The JROTC Rifle Team won all matches during the 2013-14 school year.
- The JROTC Drill Team won second place at the Barnwell meet.
- The Raider Competition won second place out of twelve participating teams during the Logistics Relay.
- Barnwell High School had three students to sign to play collegiate athletics.
- Twenty-one students were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Two varsity football players were named All Region players.
- One varsity female tennis player was named All Region.
- Two golf players were named All Region players.
- Golf team competed at the state level tournament.
- Six athletes made All State by the High School Sports Report in the following sports: baseball, softball, girls' soccer, and boys' soccer.
- Four varsity baseball players were named All Region.
- One varsity softball player was named All State by the Coaches Association.
- Five varsity softball players were named All Region players.
- Varsity Softball team was named Region Five AA Champions.
- Varsity Softball team was named District Six Champions.
- One varsity softball team was named North/South All Star Team.
- Athletic Director was named the Athletic Director of the Year for Region Five AA.
- One volleyball player was named All State by the Coaches Association.
- Two volleyball players were named All Region players.
- The cross country team was named number three in the region.
- Two cross county players were named All Region.
- Five track athletes qualified to compete at Lower State competition.
- One varsity basketball player was named All Region.
- Five varsity girls' soccer players were named All Region players.
- The varsity girls' soccer team was named Region Five AA Champions.
- Four varsity boys' soccer players were named Region players.
- The Industrial Technology Program participated and placed in the South Carolina Technology Student Association (TSA) State Conference held at Airport High School.
- The FCCLA won state competition awards.
- The following teams made it to the play offs: football, volleyball, baseball, boys' tennis, girls' soccer, boys' soccer, softball, and golf.
- Three students were three Sport Lettermen.
- Twenty-three student athletes made All Region in the following sports: baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball.

**Guinyard-Butler Middle School**

Craig M. Hart, Principal  
Stephanie Eubanks, Chair GBMS School Improvement Council

**Guinyard Butler Middle School, in cooperation with students, teachers, parents, and the community, believes that our school should have a working and learning environment that is: nurturing, intellectually stimulating, technologically enriched, safe and respectful. Furthermore, we will strive to have a highly qualified and competent staff with strong relationships in the community. GBMS will endeavor to create a partnership with parents and the community at large that strengthens relationships and transition education beyond school.**

**GBMS Major Accomplishments**

- 4 Junior Scholars students and 2 Duke Scholars.
- 21 eighth grade students enrolled in Algebra I and 26 eighth grade students enrolled in English I.
- Jr. Beta Club activities and service learning projects included: attending

the Jr. Beta Club convention in Myrtle Beach, and inducted 60 new members with 98 total members.

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade student placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in competition held at Junior Beta Club Convention.
- Student Council activities and projects included: 1) Honoring teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and American Education Week 2) Participating in the Homecoming Parade 3) Sponsoring the Miss GBMS Pageant 4) Service Learning Projects included: holding Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations at Barnwell County Nursing Home as well as assisting students with Special Olympics 5) Coordinating Red Ribbon Week and Spirit Week and SCPASS Prep Rally 6) Student Council members conducted daily announcements and school pledge.
- SIC/PTSO sponsored a Parent Bingo Night that correlated with school dance.
- Students and staff participated in Relay for Life fundraising event.
- Excellent athletic seasons in which many students participated in middle school and high school level sports. Middle Level Girls' Basketball Team won the Region Tournament Championship.
- Band program which served 59 students.
- School wide spelling bee was held. School winner participated in the Regional Spelling Bee in Allendale, SC.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Science Fair. School winners participated in the regional Science Fair in Aiken, SC.
- Students participated in the Science Day program. (Presenters working in science-related fields such as engineers from SRS and Kimberly-Clark.)
- Students created, implemented, and integrated "Thinking Maps" into their daily instruction.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade TAG students went on a field study to Washington, D.C.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade TAG students presented Washington, D. C. field study results to the superintendent and local school board.
- GBMS drama team presented two performances "A Christmas Carol" and "What Happened After Once Upon A Time".
- WarPony Pride Passes were given out for good behavior, good/improved grades, and good citizenship. Pride Pass incentives were given each 9 weeks to students who exhibited outstanding character and citizenship.
- School Dance held to celebrate students who passed nine weeks benchmark examination.
- Partnership established with local businesses to recognize GBMS "Students of the Month."
- Partnership established with Hagood Baptist Church and local United Way to support GBMS beautification.
- Anti-Bullying Seminar held for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during the school year.

**GBMS Faculty:**

- Constructed and implemented departmental generated pacing guides.
- Proctored and utilized benchmark data to drive instruction.
- Held weekly Professional Development Meetings to engage in Common Core Training, Develop Common Assessments, Implement Best Teaching Practices, Thinking Maps and Strategic Planning.
- Sponsored Meet and Greet before school started.
- Held Fall and Winter Open House.
- Held School Improvement Council meetings.
- Selected Michael Pisacreta as GBMS Teacher of the Year for the 2012-13 school year.
- Created Data Room to analyze student achievement implement best teaching practices.
- Utilized Study Island software as a means of providing students with enrichment and remediation.
- Submitted nominees to be recognized as "Students of the Month".
- Monthly newsletters sent home.



**Barnwell Elementary School**

Sherry McIver, Principal

Joye Hallman, Chair BES School Improvement Council

**Barnwell Elementary School is continuously striving to reach goals established for BES. The faculty and staff are dedicated to improving student achievement and fostering positive relationships with the parents and community.**

**Major Accomplishments**

- We are in a partnership with the SCE&G to provide an Afterschool Homework Center to 40 students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We are in a partnership with the Regions Bank. Banking opportunities were provided weekly.
- Student award programs were held after the first semester and at the end of the school year to recognize academic success, academic improvement, and perfect attendance.
- Chorus and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students participated in music programs for students, parents and community.
- We hosted Barnwell High School Teacher Cadets.
- We provided community service projects such as: recycling ink cartridges, collecting cell phones and box tops, participating in Relay for Life and Goodwill Clothes Drive.
- Sixth Grade students were able to serve as Ambassadors and Safety Patrol.
- Students were able to receive numerous awards: Student of the Month, Writer of the Month, Athlete of the Month, Artist of the Month, Musician of the Month, monthly birthday celebrations and Student of the Month sponsored by Boys and Girls Club and Big 7 Association.
- Teachers were honored with teacher of the week, perfect attendance for the month, teacher of the month, staff member of the month and Diamond in the Rough.
- The school guidance counselor continued the implementation of character education, Red Ribbon Week, and conflict resolution programs in the classrooms, one-on-one and group sessions.
- The students were able to participate in Operation Get Smart.
- Students celebrated by having a character pirate parade with the Grand Marshall being the well-known author Melinda Long.
- Students and parents were given the opportunity to participate in: MiRancho Family Spirit Night, Family Game Night, ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science Night.
- Title I Staff Development funds were used to purchase 90 computers for the computer labs, ELA and Social Studies, and Science classroom libraries.
- Students participated in Master's of Multiplication Challenge.
- Fourth grade students participated in Read Across America.
- Numerous field experiences were provided for the students: 4<sup>th</sup> grade- Edisto Beach 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Barrier Island, Ruth Patrick Science Center, and Charleston, South Carolina 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Ruth Patrick Science Center, SREL, and the Audubon Society.
- Students were able to participate in: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Science Day, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Career Day, a drama production, multi-cultural event. All students were able to participate in the Spelling Bee.
- Students were able to participate in an afterschool running club, The Mustang Milers.
- Students were able to participate in a Bullying Summit held in Columbia, South Carolina.
- Fifth grade students were able to participate in D.A.R.E.
- Fall and Spring book fairs were held.
- PTO sponsored the B.E.S. pageant and the fall carnival as well as collected Box Tops throughout the school year. They were also the recipient of a \$500.00 grant from The Greater Savannah.
- Teachers received numerous grants from: Donor's Choose, SRNL, Wal-Mart, SRNS, Craig Services for Robotics Competition, and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts.
- TAG students participated in a Robotic Competition in Columbia, SC and received exemplary on Project and Core Values. They also participated in the Future City Competition in Aiken, SC.
- A sixth grade student qualified to attend the state level of the National Geography Bee.
- Jeremy Rinder was selected as the 2012-2013 BES Teacher of the Year.
- Several 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are on the Barnwell Robotics Team. The team placed second in one part of the competition this year.

- Tag students were able to participate in the following field trips: 4<sup>th</sup> grade- Barnwell Courthouse, Dorchester State Park, Lexington Museum, and Earth Shine 5<sup>th</sup> grade-Charleston Pirate Tour, Barnwell County Airport 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Medieval Dinner, Myrtle Beach, SC, Ebenezer.
- TAG students will present: 4<sup>th</sup> grade- A Living Museum, 5<sup>th</sup> grade- Romeo and Juliet 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Compete in a school robotics competition called Green City.
- Thirty-eight sixth grade band students participated in the Edisto Conference Band Clinic.
- Sixty-three students qualified for Duke TIP (Talented Identification Program).

**Barnwell Primary School  
"Home of the Cool Colts"**

**Donna Selvey, Principal  
Becky Huggins, Chair of School Improvement Council**

The mission of Barnwell Primary School, in partnership with students, teachers and parents, is to develop an atmosphere of academically high standards, student-centered instruction, and positive collaboration among all stakeholders. Our ultimate goal remains to allow each child to reach his/her full potential and instill in them a lifelong love for learning.

**BPS School Happenings**

- We are in partnership with the Save the Children Foundation to provide Reading Intervention for students. We also have Early Steps to School Success that serves children ages 0-3 and we serve 40 students through the Raising the Reader Program.
- Student award programs were held during the school year to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students.
- First through Third Grade Students participated in music programs for students, parents and community.
- We have a very active Parent Volunteer and Mentor Program and active Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program.
- Barnwell High School juniors and seniors served as mentors to assist students with reading and math.
- We provided community service projects such as: recycling aluminum cans and ink cartridges, collecting cell phones and box tops, providing can food drive for needy families in the community, and participating in Pennies for Patients and Jump Rope for Heart.
- The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program was continued to reduce the number of office referrals through more positive approaches to discipline. Students received rewards throughout the year for good behavior.
- The school guidance counselor continued the implementation of character education and conflict resolution programs in the classrooms, one-on-one and in group sessions.
- Title I Staff Development funds were used to provide on-going professional development on the Common Core State Standards. All grade levels have implemented the Common Core State Standards.
- Melissa Moore was selected as the 2012-2013 BPS Teacher of the Year.

**STUDENTS AND STAFF  
(2012-2013)**

School	Enrollment	Employees	
		Certificated	Non-Certificated
BHS Grades 9-12	666	48	28
GBMS Grades 7-8	385	28	47
BES Grades 4-6	572	41	20
BPS Pre-Kindergarten- Grade 3	794	64	46
District Office	N/A	7	12
Alternative School	N/A*	1	1

Barnwell School District 45 employs 189 certificated persons. The total staff is 399 including district office staff, food service staff, bus drivers, and substitute teachers.

\*Students are counted in BHS or GBMS enrollment.

**2012-2013 PASS Results  
Percent of Students which Met Standard**

**Writing**

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>B45</b>	41.8	56.7	59.5	74.3	57.7	61.4

**English-Language Arts (Reading and Research)**

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>B45</b>	68.7	64.2	71.9	74.9	54.5	54.8

**Mathematics**

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>B45</b>	57.8	52.4	55.3	57.0	45.2	45.2

**Science**

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>B45</b>	58.1	59.8	55.2	59.1	46.7	50.0

**Social Studies**

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>B45</b>	64.3	62.2	55.4	69.1	53.0	42.1

**SAT**

	Composite Score
BHS	1392*
SC	1423*
USA	1474*

**ACT**

	Composite Score
BHS	18.9*
SC	20.1*
USA	20.9*

\*The composite score is an average of the Critical Reading, Math and Writing portion of the test.

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