

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FRI. DEC 2, 2016  
@3:30P.M.  
STUDENTS INCENTIVE  
DANCE

MON. DEC 19, 2016  
CHRISTAMS BREAK  
BEGINS/DEC. 19-30, 2016

MON. JAN 2, 2017  
SCHOOL RESUMES



*Mission Statement*

*Believing,  
Achieving,  
and  
Succeeding  
through  
Academics,  
Citizenship,  
and  
Service.*

# Hillcrest Middle School Sumter School District Center

## Principal's Corner:

Wow! It is difficult to believe that we are almost done with the first semester! We have had an exciting first half of the 2016-2017 school year here at Hillcrest Middle School. I am anticipating the second semester to be even better! We have been working hard to raise our student engagement and achievement in all classes and look forward to evident improvement on our Winter MAP and 2nd quarter Benchmark scores.

SCREADY and SCPASS will be here before you know it! You can help your students practice and prepare for these high stakes state assessments at home using the following SC State Department of Education links.

SCREADY - <http://ed.sc.gov/tests/tests-files/sc-ready-files/grade-6-sample-tda-item-and-student-responses/>

SCPASS - <http://ed.sc.gov/tests/tests-files/scpass-files/scpass-science-released-items/>

As always, my door is open if you ever have questions or concerns. We are all in this together and we will be successful! We wish you a wonderful holiday. Enjoy your break and come back ready to learn even more!

Tarsha B. Staggers  
Principal



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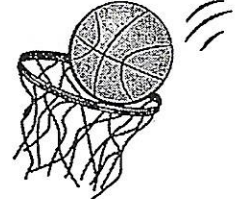
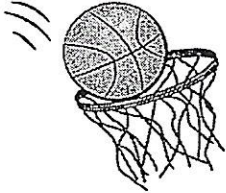
Teacher of the year:

Mrs. Diggs started her teaching career at Camp Lejeune Marine Base in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Since then, she has worked in Louisiana, North and South Carolina. Mrs. Diggs loves working with children. During the course of her career, she has worked with students at all levels: pre-school, elementary, middle, high, and college. She enjoys reading, gardening, traveling and spending time with her family.



*Vision statement*

*We envision a school where the major emphasis is on the development of the total child and students achieve simultaneous gains in academics, citizenship and service.*



## Basketball Schedule

December 15	@Alice Drive	January 12	@Chestnut Oaks
January 3	@Manning	January 18	@Ebenezer
January 5	Mayewood	January 19	@Furman
January 9	Bates	January 23	Alice Drive

FBLA - The Future Business Leaders of America is a national student organization with members in middle school and high school. FBLA is the largest business organization in the world with over a quarter million members. FBLA provides students with several opportunities while bringing business and education together. The HMS FBLA-ML attended workshops at the SC State Rally at Westwood High School and visited the SC State Fair in October. The members collected money for the March of Dimes at a football game and raised money with students wearing purple shirts in September. The officers and members from Ebenezer and Hillcrest were inducted in the FBLA-ML at Ebenezer Middle School November 1, 2016. Maniya Dawson, the South Carolina Middle Level Representative inducted the officers and Katie Guo, the South Carolina FBLA Secretary spoke briefly about the benefits of the FBLA.

The members will compete at the 2017 FBLA District 3 Leadership Conference at West Florence High School in January. They will also make bears at Build A Bear to donate to the children at the Shriners Children's Hospital in Greenville, SC. Hillcrest has 25 members.

**Officers:**

President - Joi Conyers  
Secretary - Kimberly Deas  
Treasurer - Ashlyn Good  
Historian - Thomas Dinkins  
Reporter - Cierah Carrow  
Parliamentarian - Patrick Lambie

