

Principal's Report February 24, 2025

Charter Goals

Goal #1 Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career-ready as defined by the state.

Goal #2: Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community-building activities, family engagement, and student support.

Goal #3 Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

Academics/School Update of Events

Winter Sports Spirit Week

Thank you to Ms. Ahrens and Ms. Linder for planning the Winter Spirit Week. The week will culminate in Pep Rally on Friday.



Pep Rally

Great job, Grace Linder! The pep was terrific. Did Coach Lee have a microphone, or was that his regular voice? The man with the golden pipes and personality for days. I created a folder to share today's pictures and videos from the pep rally. Feel free to upload pictures and videos. I shared the folder early today with the staff, but I have permission issues with the Google platform, so I am unsure who got it.

The Tug-A-War That Never Was

You've got to check out the video of the rope breaking twice. It is hilarious. I was at the end with my back turned, so I did not realize that most of the teams had fallen. Loveridge in the front with his headband on flying backward is priceless. I think Mosbacher and Linder might need hazard pay.



Prom

The Prom is on April 5th at the Charleston Marriot from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Once again, all attendees will be breathalyzed prior to entry. We have done this for many years. Zero attendees tested positive last year. Over the years, very few have tested positive.

The Board is always welcome!



Gresham Meggett Breakfast Reception

Thank you to Coach Hilyer and the 2nd-period U.S. History class for hosting a wonderful breakfast reception for Gresham Meggett alumni. Thank to Mayor Brook Lyon for attending.

As noted in the link below, Gresham Meggett High School opened in 1951 as the designated school for African American students on James Island. Coach Hilyer highlighted that the school was designed by the same architect responsible for the original James Island High School, which later became the old Camp Road Middle School before being demolished a few years ago. The two schools were intentionally designed to look the same to align with the “separate but equal” doctrine of the time.

Gresham Meggett closed in 1969 when schools were integrated, and one of the alumni in attendance was a member of the final graduating class in 1970. What an incredible opportunity to experience history firsthand!



JICHS National Merit Finalists

Congratulations to Madison Wade and Noah Doughty on advancing to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program.



Professional Development

- At the March Staff, The Department of Public Health is providing training on opioid addiction and Narcan training. We will receive 160 Narcan kits for our school.
- The board retreat is on March 13 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Charleston Crab House on James Island. If you are available, a campus tour starts at 10:30 am.
- Mrs. Ballard has arranged for onsite AVID on May 28th and 29th for approximately 30 employees.

Enrollment Summary

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
6/17/2024	389	395	415	379	1578
8/16/2024	454	407	376	420	1657
9/16/2024	439	394	369	414	1616
10/21/2024	438	394	367	413	1612

11/18/2024	433	393	363	412	1601
12/16/2024	432	390	360	412	1594
1/27/2025	420	385	363	417	1585
2/24/2025	417	383	359	399	1558
Program Students	-7	-7	-2	-2	1540

Note: 20 Program Students (Early College, Clark Academy, Daniel Jenkins).

Historical Enrollment

9/18/2020	456	385	403	355	1599
6/11/2021	438	383	380	348	1549
9/17/2021	482	433	369	348	1632
6/3/2022	451	405	343	361	1560
9/16/2022	430	412	416	335	1593
6/13/2023	400	417	387	343	1547
8/15/2023	422	417	406	393	1603
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Withdrawal- July throughout the school year

School Year	24-25	23-24	22-23	21-22
Number of Withdrawals	123	142	145	215

SchoolMint Enroll- School Choice Applications

As of February 21, 2025, 427 applications were received and submitted. This is by far the most applications we've received.

School Choice Dates

~~**January 14, 2025:** School Choice application window opens at noon.~~

~~**January 25, 2025:** Virtual Choice Fair (School sessions: 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM; General session: 12:00 PM).~~

~~**February 5, 2025:** Virtual Application Assistance Night (5:00 - 6:30 PM).~~

~~**February 11, 2025:** Virtual Application Assistance Night (5:00–6:30 PM).~~

~~**February 20, 2025:** In-person Application Assistance Night (5:00–6:30 PM at Cooper River CAS and West Ashley CAS).~~

~~**February 21, 2025:** Application submission window closes at noon.~~

April 25, 2025: School Choice application decisions released (via email and Parent Dashboard).

April 30, 2025: Seat acceptance deadline at noon (auto-decline for unaccepted offers after this date).

Security report February 2025 (Mr. Wilson)

- SCS conducted 42 Yondr room searches to check for compliance
- SCS conducted three student safety searches
- SCS conducted two random room safety searches
- Fire Drill completed 2/6/25

Technology Update (Mr. Nisoff)

- The Technology Committee met and created a rough budget for the 25-26 school year.
- Currently looking at ERate bids to upgrade cabling in our upstairs to Category 6 wiring. This will support more modern devices requiring more power via Power over Ethernet and higher bandwidth.
- Teachers providing positive feedback regarding devices purchased with ESSER_funds. 3D printers, document cameras, and new computers are all in use and in the classrooms. :)

Construction Update

Baseball Pressbox and Batting Cage- *Feedback from Coach Spivey, who helped oversee the entire project.*

Both buildings have passed inspection and are in full use. We have received the Certificate of Occupancy.

Both buildings were put to use this past weekend for our day of scrimmages with 5 other teams on The Island to play. We have been complimented multiple times on how well it looks.

Palm trees went in yesterday. It looks great down here. The only remaining items left are punch list items and getting the Sound System fully installed.

CCSD Phase IV Maintenance Projects

- Second phase of restroom renovation
- New roof portions of the main building
- Phase 1 of HVAC replacement
- New fence along the athletic drive
- Painting of science classrooms (reimbursement for track expense, \$100 K)
- New placards and wayfinding
- Lightning for the two practice fields (one field- reimbursement for track expense, approximately \$380 K)

Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)

Meeting Notes

Topic	Notes	Vote
Student A Expulsion Hearing		
