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### St. Matthews K-8 2016 - 2017 Initiatives:

- ◇ **All teachers will consider various instructional approaches as a pathway towards blended learning.**
  1. Flipped Classroom
  2. Project -Based Learning
  3. Technology -Based Instruction
  
- ◇ **Implement ninety minutes of uninterrupted reading instruction in grades K-8.**
  1. Professional development for small group instruction
  2. Build up classroom libraries

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Accelerated Reading
- ◆ Accelerated Math
- ◆ Middle School Chorus
- ◆ Band and Honor Band
- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ Morning News Teams
- ◆ Character Student of the Month
- ◆ After-School Enrichment
- ◆ Gifted & Talented Program
- ◆ Montessori Program
- ◆ Black History Month Celebration
- ◆ Veterans' Day Recognition
- ◆ Harvest Carnival
- ◆ Tutorials
- ◆ ThinkLink
- ◆ Study Island
- ◆ AIMS Web
- ◆ First In Math
- ◆ Empower 3000
- ◆ Field Trips
- ◆ Athletic Program
- ◆ Star & Superstar Readers
- ◆ Literacy Night
- ◆ Sons Of Solomon Boys Club
- ◆ Read Across America
- ◆ National Library Week
- ◆ College Tours
- ◆ Walk to School
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ High School Computer Course
- ◆ DARE
- ◆ Jr. Beta Club
- ◆ 100th Day of School Celebration
- ◆ Science Fest
- ◆ R.I.D.D.E
- ◆ Academic Night
- ◆ ESOL
- ◆ Special Olympics
- ◆ Geek Fest
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Career on Wheels
- ◆ Advisement
- ◆ Brain Pop
- ◆ Book Character Costume Day
- ◆ Far Above Rubies
- ◆ Discovery Education
- ◆ Author's Visits
- ◆ Science Lab
- ◆ Flag Detail
- ◆ Cyber Bullying Workshops
- ◆ Clafin Saturday Academy
- ◆ Algebra I
- ◆ English I
- ◆ Project GEAR UP
- ◆ Literacy Coach Grant
- ◆ Bullying Workshop
- ◆ Gateway to Technology

### OUR VISION

**We envision a school district where everyone works harmoniously in a safe and caring environment to help all students reach their maximum potential.**



### OUR BELIEFS

- We believe . . .**
- ◆ in establishing and maintaining high expectations for all students.
  - ◆ every student can learn and be successful.
  - ◆ every student is responsible for his/her choices and actions.
  - ◆ in providing challenging and rigorous experiences to develop confident and competent students.
  - ◆ in fostering cooperation and collaboration to promote engaging learning experiences.
  - ◆ in an environment that appreciates and encourages diversity.
  - ◆ change provides opportunity for growth.



**ONE DREAM, ONE TEAM**

### Calhoun County School Board Members

- Gary Porth, **Chair**
- Kevin Jenkins, **Vice Chair**
- Sandra Tucker, **Secretary**
- Debra Fredrick
- Ned Nelson

**Leading With Courage**



## Our School

Currently, 648 students are enrolled.

### Community Outreach

- ◇ March of Dimes
- ◇ Relay for Life
- ◇ Canned Food Drive
- ◇ Adopt a Family at Christmas
- ◇ Veterans' Day Appreciation
- ◇ St. Jude's Research Hospital Fund Drive
- ◇ Family Burn-Out Relief Fund
- ◇ Backpack Program
- ◇ Volunteers Outreach Program
- ◇ Partnership with OCTech Education Dept.
- ◇ Teacher Cadets from CCHS
- ◇ Calhoun Cares
- ◇ Local Churches and Businesses Donations
- ◇ Claflin Talent Search Partnership
- ◇ Rotary Club Partnership
- ◇ SCSU 1890 Research and Extension Program
- ◇ SCSU Consortium of the Arts
- ◇ St. Matthews Parish Church
- ◇ Calhoun Convalescent Center
- ◇ Grandparents Day Appreciation
- ◇ Claflin Saturday Academy
- ◇ Calhoun County Library
- ◇ Clemson Cooperative Extension Program
- ◇ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- ◇ Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Columbia Fireflies Reading Program
- ◇ One School ,One Book Initiative
- ◇ Donors Choose Program
- ◇ Project GEAR UP
- ◇ Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- ◇ Dick Horne Foundation
- ◇ Tri-County Electric Cooperative
- ◇ Arby's

### School Improvement Council

Shelika Izlar, **Chair**  
Olivia Smith, **Secretary**

Barry Charley	Ronda Simmons
Doretha Jones	Donald Benjamin
Stacey Cokley	Kristen Simensen
Satidra Taylor	



## School Summary Report 2015-2016

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**Mr. Barry Charley, Principal**  
**Mrs. Ronda Simmons, Assistant Principal**

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## Recognitions

### St. Matthews K-8 is a Reward School



### St. Matthews K-8 received the Palmetto Silver Award

**Recipient of The SC Chamber of Commerce  
Homework Center Grant Grades 2nd-5th**

**USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant**

**Calhoun County District Teacher of the Year**  
Germaine Fields

**WLTX Teacher of the Week**  
Marla Fanning

**Dick Horne Foundation Grant Recipients**  
**Glen Aiken**                      **Gloria Felder-Way**  
**MyKeida Middleton**       **Carolyn Snider**  
**Felicia White**                 **Anita Fersner**  
**Becky Haigler**                 **Susan Morris**

**Donors Choose Recipients**  
**Olivia Smith, MyKeida Middleton, and  
Felicia White**

**USC Regional Science Fair Metric Winners**  
China Riley and Mason Guerrero

**SMK8 Elementary Science Fair Winner**  
Jayden Wallace

**SMK8 Middle School Science Fair Winner**  
Kenneth Jenkins

**100% of students passed End-of-Course State  
Assessment in English I and Algebra I  
in May 2015.**



### Recognitions Continued.....

### 2015-2016 Newly Identified Duke Tip Scholars

Xander Roberts	Sariah Whetstone
Yaneekwah Hart	Kanvas Benjamin
Yarelli Cassilas	Cyncere Haynes
Charlise Gamble	

### 2015-2016 Student Council

President - Marian Wright  
Vice-President - Chase Donaldson  
Asst. Vice- President – Imani Smith  
Recording Secretary - Chakirah Woody  
Corresponding Secretary - Maylene-Dee Guerrero  
Asst. Corresponding Secretary – Sha'ria Gilyard  
Treasurer - Amerie Magee  
Parliamentarian - Kriyztan King  
Asst. Parliamentarian – Patience Miller  
Sergeant-At-Arms - James Kelly  
Asst. Sergeant –At-Arms – Armani Mintz  
Chaplain - Kenneth Jenkins  
Asst. Chaplain – Fantasia Griddle  
Event Coordinator – Johnathan Keller

### 2015-2016 Jr. Beta Club

Marisol Carrillo	Danasia Clark
Iniya Cramer	Tyrese Duckson
Kanazha Guinyard	Jurnee Jenkins
James Kelly	Ashlyee Kilborn
Marquetta Riley	Nancy Rizo
Dwayna Scott	Dannesha Seawright
Imani Smith	Nataijah Williams
MarQuell Wilson	Marion Wright
Amariya Wright	Teriaysia Wynne
Jordan Zeigler	