

Featured Information

- Thomas C. Cario Middle School earned an “A” rating through the South Carolina State Elementary and Secondary Education Association Ranking system.
- Our student body consists of 1225 students in grades 6-8, representing 88% White, 7% African American, 2% Asian, 2% Hispanic, and 1% other ethnicities.
- Cario is one of the largest comprehensive middle schools in South Carolina with some of the highest test scores in the state.
- Cario Middle School believes that parent involvement and positive relationships with the community best support successful students. We encourage parent volunteers, provide newsletters and information to parents, and encourage open communication for the benefit of all our students and their families. We welcome and want our parent and community input!



Cario Middle School SIC Members

Hong Lee, Chair, Parent
 Mr. and Mrs. Seifert, Parents
 Tom Milligan, Parent
 Jennifer Gomez, Teacher
 Miriam Hurt, Teacher
 Elizabeth Favre, Community Member
 Tiffany Magwood, Parent
 Cynthia Jones, Parent
 Bob Lang, Community Member
 Sharon Randall, Principal
 Dr. Evandro Valente, Assistant Principal
 Dr. Laura Osborne, Assistant Principal

Student Achievement

Earned Palmetto Gold Award

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2016	Excellent	Excellent
2015	Excellent	Excellent
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Excellent

SC PASS State Testing Results:

Science

Grade	#	Met/Exceed
6	407	89.4 %
7	391	91.3 %
8	439	94.1 %

Social Studies

Grade	#	Met/Exceed
6	407	93.9 %
7	391	90.8 %
8	438	95.9 %

SC READY State Testing Results:

	ELA	#	Met/Exceed	Approach/Met/Exceed
Grade 6		407	77.4 %	94.8 %
Grade 7		391	72.6 %	93.4 %
Grade 8		439	80.0 %	95.2 %

Math

Grade 6	407	73.5 %	95.3 %
Grade 7	391	68.8 %	91.8 %
Grade 8	439	62.9 %	94.5 %

EOCEP: Algebra 1: 100% Pass Rate

For more information, you may view Cario's "S.C. School Report Card" for the 2016 school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.

Thomas C. Cario Middle School Improvement Council (SIC) Report to Parents

2016-17



Home of the Comets!

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Administrative Team

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Mr. Bryan Coleman, 6th Grade Assistant Principal

Mrs. Tiffany Magwood, Ex. Ed and R.A. Assist. Principal

Dr. Laura Osborne, 7th Grade Assistant Principal

Dr. Evandro Valente, 8th Grade Assistant Principal



Purpose of the Report

This Report is produced by Cario's SIC in accordance with S.C. law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year. Cario's SIC evaluates current practices that effect student performance, identifies areas that need improvement, and offers suggestions to attain defined goals. The SIC goals are aligned with the Charleston County School District's mission statement. The mission of CCSD is to increase student achievement overall and close the achievement gaps to prepare all students to compete in a global economy and make a positive contribution to our community and nation.

Thomas C. Cario Middle School continues its tradition of excellence in academics, arts, and extra-curricular activities. Locally and at the state-level, Cario is a highly successful middle school with a large campus, a small-school atmosphere, and numerous opportunities for students. Our students have shown growth in reading and mathematics through their Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores and consistently demonstrate mastery of rigorous academic standards.

Cario provides a quality academic program at all grade levels, as well as a structured system of interventions for students who need academic support. Students have opportunities to earn high school credits and may take exploratory courses, such as choices in the Fine Arts, Spanish, pre-engineering, marine biology, computer, journalism, and fitness. Cario has one of the highest percentages of students identified as gifted and talented (GT) in the Charleston County School District. Cario students compete in numerous local, state, and national academic challenges – and win TOP awards in competitions, such as in the S.C. Science Olympiad, American Mathematic Competition, Math Counts competition, CCSD Spellbound Spelling Bee , Quest, LEGO Robotics, SC State Scholastic Chess Championship, and National Geographic Geography Bee, to name just a few.

The Cario Chorus is the only school in South Carolina to have students selected to every regional and national honor choir since 2000. Orchestra students received superior ratings at the S.C. Concert Festival, along with many other awards. Cario's band received the state's Outstanding Performance Award for the fifteenth consecutive year and earned superior ratings at the S.C. Concert Festival, among other awards.



Cario Visual artists have earned numerous awards in local, state, and national competitions, such as placing in the top awards for the REEL ART competition, Federal Junior DUCK Stamp, and Scholastic Art Competition, among many others. Drama students were involved in several productions during the year, including the huge, mid-year *The Lion King, Jr.*, to rave reviews. They also have won numerous awards in local and state competitions.

Cario students have competed in local private and community teams in every sport available– and win numerous competitions and awards. The yearbook staff produces a high-quality publication, and our Horticulture Club is working to grow vegetables for our cafeteria, along with flowers to make our school more attractive. We inducted our third group of students for our National Junior Honor Society. Our students organized student-led and student-focused *Student Government* program to link our students with community service projects and programs. Our PTO has worked with our faculty, staff, and students to continue to run a school store this year, while our 7th grade students and staff continued a Spirit Pantry for our Cario families in need. We have spent much time over this school year focusing on student leadership and philanthropy, and we hope to continue to grow these programs.

Cario staff participate in on-going professional development, including intensive Instructional Rounds focusing on academic rigor and student engagement. We embrace the Capturing Kids' Hearts model and use the Making Middle Grades Work national model to implement positive changes in our school. We recognize the importance of high expectations, rigorous academics, and a safe, supportive learning environment for all students. As partners in education, our faculty and staff, parents, and community members support and actively participate in making Cario Middle School a model for educational excellence. We strive to challenge our students to be resourceful, positive, service-oriented leaders!

Sharon Randall, Principal
Hong Lee, SIC Chair



SIC Annual Goals

Our vision is to build efficient/effective communication with our parents/community to better support our students. We will focus on closing achievement gaps and supporting individual student needs. Ultimately, we will make Cario Middle School the best middle school in the State of South Carolina. Our goal is that every child is successful at Cario Middle School and in the next stages to come in school and in life.

