

**Stafford Public Schools
Accomplishments and Achievements
2011-2012**

Recipient of Competitive Grants & Corporate Donations

- Recipient of PASS Program Grant for 6th Consecutive Year [~\$110,000]
- Recipient of 100 Camcorder Projectors [~\$30,000] from 3M Corporation
- Recipient of Two Scholarships for Teachers [~\$5,000] from 3M Corporation
- Recipient of Competitive Grant Awards
 - Financially Fit [\$25,000]-Development of Personal Finance Curriculum
 - Student Success Plans [\$5,000]-Development of Plans for Grades 6-12

Board of Education & Staff Awards and Nominations

- Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors Distinguished Service Award: Mr. Damian Frassinelli
- NCCC Field Hockey Coach of the Year Nominee: Mrs. Elaine Boldi
- One of 12 National Finalists, Discovery Education Technology Guru: Ms. Lynn Reedy
- Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS), Celebration of Connecticut Elementary Schools' Success Recognition: Staffordville School's Reading Support Program
- Connecticut Reading Association's Outstanding Reading Educators 2012: Mrs. Sandra Bidwell (SVS) & Mrs. Janice Gowdy (WSS)
- Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE) Leadership Award Recipient 2011: Stafford Board of Education
- Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award Nominee: Mrs. Laurie Dillon

School & Academic Program Awards

- Connecticut's International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Program Award Winner 2011-2012: Staffordville School
- Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Reading Support Program Recognition: Staffordville School
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation

Team Sportsmanship Awards

- Football Team, 2012 Sportsmanship Award Winner
- Unified Sports Team, 2011 Ann Malafronte Rookie School Award Winner
- Baseball Program, 2012 Sportsmanship Award

Choral Performance & Related Awards

- SMS Stage & Select Choir, 1st Place/Rating of Superior, Music Showcase Festival, Virginia
- 4 SMS Students Earned Outstanding Soloist Awards

- SMS Stage Choir Earned its 4th Consecutive/6th Overall Grand Vocal Championship Award
- Two Sold-Out Performances Fall Dinner Theaters
- Three Sold-Out Performances of 26th Annual Madrigal Feaste
- 40 SMS Students Selected by Audition to Participate in Stage & Select Choirs, Traveling Annually & Competing Nationally
- 11 SMS Students Selected to Audition for Eastern Regional Middle School Music Festival (Band & Chorus)
- 29 SHS Students Selected to Participate in North Central Connecticut Conference (NCCC) Concert, 2012
- 400 Students (grades 4-12) Participated in District Concert, 2012
- 1 Student Member of the Springfield Youth Symphony
- Multiple Student Musical Performances throughout the Town, State & Region

Visual Arts Performance and Related Achievements

- 16 SHS Students Participated in Annual Congressional Art Competition (2nd Place-Artwork in Congressman's Office)
- >200 Students Participated in Art Show at the Public Library
- 80-100 Students Selected to Display Artwork, on a Rotating Basis at the Pinney Administration Building, Board of Education Meeting Room

Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) Achievements

- Outperformed District Reference Group (DRG) F and State at Goal Averages for the 10th Consecutive Year in Math, Reading & Writing
- Ranked Top 3 in DRG F for 10th Consecutive Year in Math, Reading & Writing
- Maintained 90%+ Proficiency in Writing for 2nd Consecutive Year
- Decreased Percentage of Students Performing at Below Basic Level as Compared to 2011
- Through a Variety of Credit Recovery Efforts, 19 Students Promoted to Sophomore Status by January, Resulting in CAPT Participation
- Twelve (12) Students Achieved at Advanced Level on All CAPT Subtests

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) Achievements

- Scored Above State and National Averages in Math Past 3 of 4 Years
- Averaged 17 Points Above State and 38 Points Above National Averages in Writing (which Highly Correlates to Academic Success in College)
- Scored Above State and National Averages in Reading for 5th Consecutive Year

Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Achievements

- Continued Trend of Increasing Performances as Students Progress through the Grades
- Grade 8 Performed 80% or Better on All 4 Subtests and 90% in Reading for 2nd Consecutive Year
- Improvement Shown in 13 of 15 Subtests in Cohort Comparisons
- Achieved 80% or Greater on 6 Subtests (2nd Highest Ever)
- Achieved 75% or Greater on 9 Subtests (3rd Highest Ever)

Successful Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program

- 100% Success Rate of Beginning Teachers through TEAM

Student Connections Beyond the Classroom

- Grades 1 & 2 Connected with Classes Around the United States
- Grades 4 & 5 Connected with NASA, Robotics in Space Program
- SMS Selected by *Mimio* to Pilot Science Lessons
- Grade 6 Students Invited by Scientists to Bluff Point
- Grade 7 Students Participated in Wind Project & Virtual Discussion

Scholar-Athletes, All-Star Games, and Tournament Participation

- Five Fall Sports Teams Qualified for Post-Season Tournament
- 80% of Teams Made Post Season
- Field Hockey Team Ranked 5th in State Tournament
- School Scholar-Athlete Award Recipients (150 +) Honor Roll /High Honor Roll
- Multiple Senior Select Post Season & All-Star Game Participants

Establishment of Purposeful Committees

- Institution of Board Committees: Budget, Curriculum, Negotiations & Policy
- CSDE Approval of Three Year Technology Plan
- Adoption of New Math Textbooks, Grades K-8
- Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plan

Expansion of Academic & Behavioral Interventions for Students

- Implementation of Web-Based *Lexia* Program
- Expansion of *Study Island* at our High School
- Numerous Students Promoted as a Result of Expanded Credit Recovery Options

Post-Graduation Outcomes

- 41% Graduates Accepted to Four-Year Post Secondary Institutions
- 40% Graduates Accepted to Two-Year Post Secondary Institutions
- 5% Graduates Accepted to Post-Secondary Technical School/College
- 9% Graduates Gainfully Employed
- Improved Graduation Rate (Drop-Out Rate Reduction): **Overall:** 74.4% in 2011 to 87.9% in 2012
- Improved Graduation Rate (Drop-Out Rate Reduction): **Subgroup-Special Education:** 42.8% in 2011 to 85.7% in 2012

Other Accomplishments and Achievements

- 74.4% of English Language Learners (consortium) attained English Language Proficiency (NCLB, target, 26%)
- 2 WSS 2012 Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) Dream Big! Student Award Winners

- WSS First Graders Featured on Channel 3's *Better Connecticut* for their Multi-Genre Literacy Project Entitled, "Painted Lady Art Museum"
- 14 Students Inducted into the National Honor Society, 2012
- 11 SHS Students Inducted into the International Thespian Society, 2012
- 10 SHS Students Named *Stafford Rotary Club Student of the Month*
- Numerous Scholarship Award Recipients
- Exemplary District-Wide Community Outreach, Service Projects & Fundraising Efforts
- Implementation of "Get Caught Caring" Program at SVS
- Establishment of Teacher Course Student (TCS) Database
- Successful Implementation of *SmartMusic*
- Completion of Numerous Curricular Revisions: Women in History; AP Physics; AP Chemistry; Business Education (Several Courses); and Math (PK-8)
- Successful Negotiations with Three Bargaining Units: Administrators, Teachers, and Non-Certified Staff
- Invitation to Present at CIAC's Annual Youth Leadership Summit at Wesleyan Extended to Mr. Damian Frassinelli, Athletic Director: Unified Sports Program Recognition by State as a Model

Collaborative Accomplishments

- In Collaboration with Town Officials, Emergency Personnel, Department of Public Works, Community Agencies, M & J Bus, Inc., etc.: Establishment of SMS as a Community Shelter
- In Collaboration with Town Officials: Inauguration of Local Dignitaries at SMS
- In Collaboration with Town: ESCO Study & New Emergency Notification System
- In Collaboration with Stafford Energy Advisory Committee: Solar Project at SMS and Multiple Grant Application Submissions
- In Collaboration with Community/Partners in Education (PIE): Community Sign Project (\$29,185 in Corporate and Other Community Donations)