



Honor Code Pledge:
I recognize that attending LNC is a privilege, and as a member of this community, I pledge to uphold and promote the pillars of honesty, integrity, respect and responsibility as outlined in the LNC honor code.

Together we learn, lead and serve

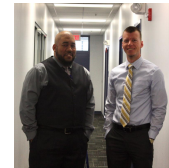
LNC Admin Speaks...

Wonder what's on the mind of the LNC Admin Team as we approach the completion of the first half of the year? Read on to see:



Shannon Stein, Superintendent: "I am very proud to see the renewed engagement in school activities and support of our students by all stakeholders this year. It was a collaboration of many dedicated individuals who were committed to excellence in both education and experience that formed the school 20 years ago. It will be a continued commitment by those involved in LNC today to ensure that we continue that vision and performance as we grow. Thank you to all those families who partner with us!"

Craig Smith, HS Principal & Marcus Funchess, HS Assistant Principal: "Reflecting on the first semester, we had an intentional emphasis of the LNC honor code, which includes but is not limited to, our students hearing our honor code each morning to affirm the pillars - honesty, integrity, respect and responsibility - of what it means to be an LNC student. As we progress through the second semester, we believe that our re-emphasis of the honor code will continue to result in a decrease of academic integrity violations as well as renewed appreciation of what it means to be an LNC student."



Cherie Graham, MS Principal & Brian Bauer, MS Assistant Principal: "Thanks to the generosity of our parents who invested in Excellence last year, we launched our math club, MathFUNmatics, this first semester. For the second semester, we are excited to expand MathFUNmatics to reach additional students by offering it more days per week and involving more teachers. To invoke critical thinking and sharpen mathematical skills, we will also host weekly, grade-level math challenges, awarding small incentives for the correct answers. We are eager to see the growth in our students resulting from this math focus."

Michelle Holland, ES Principal: "I am thankful that our parents came together to help build our new school, which we are watching 'rise up' before our very eyes! This fall we also became a complete school, K-12, by adding our very first third and fourth graders. Looking into the second semester, I am excited to see our fourth grade students complete elementary school and prepare to 'move up' to our middle school and to continue to witness the construction of our new school home."



Scott Abel, Facilities Director: "One of the things I appreciate about LNC is the constant growth and improvement mindset. From my role's perspective, our buses are one of the most pressing items we address at LNC and I am hoping our parents will see the value in doing so. As we come into winter and spring I will be focused on making sure our elementary school construction stays on track."

Lon Chang, Technology Director: "I am happy that we have experienced a significant drop in iPad breakages, down from 35% last year to 5% this year. I am also thankful that we have been able to upgrade all of our infrastructure equipment with state funding on both our main and elementary campuses. As I look into the second semester, I'm excited to be able to offer technology support for our elementary staff through our new addition to the Tech Team, Mr. Brian Little."



Lori Hughes, Exceptional Children Director: "I am thankful for my caring and supportive EC teachers and assistants who are passionate about providing our students with what they need to be successful. We've seen tremendous growth and strides in our EC students thanks to this caring group of professionals. I am excited to see the progress our students can make before the



end of the year.”

Sara Lay, Community Relations Director: “Seeing our 2,100 students, little and big, plus our teachers and parents come together in a Day of Service this fall was incredible and we are looking forward to our community serving together again next year. I am so excited to bring our adult community together to socialize and celebrate our school’s 20th year anniversary at our Boots, Bulls and BBQ event at Rural Hill on March 23 - look for more details in January.”



Matt Schlegel, Athletic Director: I’d like to thank my coaches for all their hard work, long hours and dedication as well as the parent volunteers who help the coaches and our athletic programs continue to be successful. I look forward to finishing the year strong in the second semester and hopefully sharing with our community some exciting, potential facility improvements.”

Hayley Wilson, Business Director: “Thanks to this year’s ‘Red for Ed’ movement we were able to increase our teachers’ salaries and provide a winter stipend to our whole staff. Looking into the new year, my priorities continue to be maintaining the financial health of the school and to be responsive and tuned-in to the personnel needs of our 167 employees.”



Today We Learn, Lead and Serve

Has your family or student performed a service project outside of LNC and you would like to share the experience with the LNC community? Using this link, tell us about your service project. Please email related photos to slay@Incharter.org and key *Knights News-Leading and Serving* into the email subject field. Thank you for your submission and we look forward to sharing your stories in future Knights News.

Knights of Honor



Elementary School

Recipients of this award have been nominated by a teacher for showing exceptional effort, good character, acts of service, leadership attributes or a positive attitude.

Congratulations to the ES Knights of Honor

Pictured with Ms. Holland: Carrington Seymour, Pranav Kanagala, Ace Langenbrunner, Isaac Mordock, Lucy Pritchard, Londyn In, Madison Johnson and Lilliana Searchman



Middle School

These students have been selected by their teachers for displaying good character, exceptional effort, a positive attitude and performing acts of service.

Congratulations to the MS Knights of Honor

Pictured with Dr. Graham (left to right): Abbey Bickings, Michael Thomas, Lilly Lambert, Connor Lorenz and Spencer Stott



High School

The HS program recognizes students who demonstrate one of the four pillars of the LNC Honor Code: Honesty, Integrity, Respect, and Responsibility.

Congratulations to the HS Knights of Honor

Pictured with Mr. Smith: Ashley Petway (Responsibility), Cole Rasenberger (Integrity), Noah Gibbons (Respect), and Caleb Davis (Respect)

Strategic Area of Focus - School-Life Balance

As said in last month’s Student Life-Balance communication, being ready to succeed in college takes more than academic preparation. We must also help develop the other facets of our students including their emotional well

being, ethical framework and social skills. To that end, the Student Life-Balance Committee will share pertinent resources on a regular basis with our students and parents. Earlier this month, we posted resources about the risks to students' sleep cycle and mental health of not disconnecting from personal devices in the evenings. Here are those websites for your reference:

[3 Serious Reasons to Stop Using Your Smartphone at Night](#)

[Teenagers' sleep quality and mental health at risk over late-night mobile phone use](#)

Board Applications

Lake Norman Charter is now accepting applications for a Director on our Board of Education. We are specifically seeking an individual who has a finance background. Our Board of Directors meets monthly, typically the first Thursday evening of each month. Please use [this link](#) to apply. Applications are due January 31, 2019.

Invest in Excellence 2018

Wondering when you'll hear about Invest in Excellence 2018-2019? Stay tuned! We are excited to share our goals with our 5th-12th grade families in January. Needing to make a donation before the end of the year for tax reasons? You can Invest in Excellence (5-12th grades) or Rise Together (K-4th grades) at any time from the homepage of our website, www.lncharter.org. Checks can also be made to Lake Norman Charter and mailed to any of the three school offices. Please note, the school is closed from December 19 through January 2, so your mailed contribution will be processed once we return. LNC is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and our tax I.D. number is 58-2360164. Thank you for your support!



LNC Teacher Spotlight

We are proud to introduce you to some of the amazing LNC teachers who recently completed or are in the process of completing a higher education degree. These teachers are a constant reminder to our students to work hard everyday and strive for greatness!



ES Teachers (l-r): Jordan Walker, Shelly DiVito, Heather Glover, Anna Moore, Tressa Eccher
(not pictured - Michele Boes)



MS Teachers (l-r): Ray Leach, Leslie Queen, Curtis Kendrick



HS Teachers (l-r): Travis DeZordo, Beverly Schroth, Josh Russell



PTO Presidents Say Thank You

A message from the LNC PTO presidents, Candace Williams (HS), Molly Drouin (MS), and Nichole Burton (ES):

Thank you to all LNC parents who have donated their time, baking skills, food, and more to making the first semester

of the school year so great! From September 5 through today, LNC PTO has had 296 parents volunteer for lunch duty between the three campuses, 132 parents bake cookies for the annual staff cookie walk, 187 parents donate food or time to the PTO staff luncheons in October and November and over 300 families donate to the annual staff gifting program. This doesn't even include the time spent on field trips, book fairs, in the classroom at the ES, or time spent towards our athletics or performing arts departments. We are so proud to be a part of this LNC community and look forward to the exciting adventures 2019 has in store! Go Knights!

KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

All Conference Athletes - Fall Sports

Congratulations to the following LNC athletes for being named to the all conference team!

- *Abby Farris* - Women's Cross Country
- *Monique Gandy* - Women's Cross Country
- *Megan Wozniak* - Women's Cross Country
- *Anna Gartner* - Women's Cross Country
- *Ryan Creel* - Men's Cross Country
- *Kyle Smith* - Men's Cross Country
- *Riley LePrell* - Men's Cross Country
- *Davis Wilder* - Football
- *Jaden Goodman* - Football
- *Josie Fisher* - Women's Golf
- *Georgia Chapman* - Women's Golf
- *Cole Rasenberger* - Men's Soccer
- *Joe Wessler* - Men's Soccer
- *Zoe Panizza* - Women's Tennis
- *Annie Thomas* - Women's Tennis
- *Alicia Bush* - Women's Tennis
- *Hope Curtis* - Volleyball
- *Liberty Harris* - Volleyball

Congratulations to the following LNC coaches for being named Conference Coach of the Year!

- *Mr. Craig Zamara* - Women's Cross Country
- *Ms. Laurie Fabian* - Women's Golf

Athletic Booster Club Reminder

Be a Booster! Basketball season is upon us, so if you haven't already, it's a great time to join Boosters! Your Booster membership gets your family into all home LNC sporting events free and this includes spring sports too. Click [here](#) for more information on memberships and season passes.

Sign up to volunteer [here](#) and thanks for supporting Lake Norman Charter Student-Athletes!

Athletic Results

[Read](#) how our Knights athletes performed this month!

Athletic Calendar

Click [here](#) to see a schedule of all upcoming Athletic events.



MS boys' basketball team

LNCHARTER PRESENTS



5th Grade Band



6th Grade Band



8th Grade Band



7th Grade Band

MS Band Concert

The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands as well as the MS drum line recently performed a set of three pieces of music each for friends, family and fans. The music was excellent and the musicians truly shone.

MS Chorus Concert

The MS chorus classes performed their winter concert last week in front of a large and admiring audience. The chorus, 131 students strong, began their performance with their theme song, "We Want to Sing" by Roger Emerson. Thank you to "Captain Chorus," Mr. McSwain, for leading the students in a fun and entertaining performance!



HS Chorus Concert

The HS Choir performed their first concert on December 6. The theme of this year's performance centered on a tribute to Irving Berlin. In addition, they performed pieces by Rutter, Mozart and Pote. Congratulations to the HS chorus for a wonderful evening!

CHARTER ALUMNI

2019 Alumni Luncheon and Panel

Our LNC Alumni are cordially invited to the 2019 Alumni luncheon and panel on Thursday, January 3 at the high school. The luncheon will be at 12:00pm and the discussion panel will immediately follow. We invite our alumni to share their college and career experiences with our junior and senior class. Any alumni planning to attend should RSVP using this [link](#). We look forward to visiting with our former students on January 3!

New Alumni Page on the LNC Website

Don't forget to check out our new alumni page on the LNC website. Here you will be able to update your contact information, become part of the LNC Alumni Facebook page, order transcripts and more. Check out the new page [here](#) or go to www.lncharter.org, About Us, Alumni.

Please check back each month in the Knights News for more upcoming information and spotlights of our Alumni!

KNIGHTLY ⚡ NEWS FLASH

Brought to you by LNC sponsor, [Everest Gymnastics](#)

Winter Break

School is closed for winter break on Thursday, December 20 and resumes Thursday, January 3, 2019. Have a wonderful, restful and safe winter break!

5th Grade DARE Graduation

Congratulations to the LNC 5th grade students who graduated from the DARE program on December 7. Thank you Officer Bonnono for your time and leadership in teaching this outstanding program.



Cheerleading Clinic

Registration is currently open for the 2019 LNC Winter

Cheer Clinic on

January 26. Join our HS girls for a Saturday filled with cheers, dances, fun, and friends. All participants will receive a t-shirt and an invitation to perform during the women's varsity basketball game on January 29 (their admission will be covered). The cost is \$35 and the clinic will run from 8:30-noon. We look forward to seeing you there! Click [here](#) for the Cheer Clinic Registration Form.



Thank you Parents

The LNC faculty and staff thanks all of our families for the delicious cookies you brought us for the cookie walk and for contributing so generously to the PTO gifting program. Thank you also to the PTO

volunteers who collected the gifts and served the cookies. We are very grateful for our parents' expressions of support now and throughout the school year!

Parents' Night Out

The LNC Cheerleaders are hosting a Parents' Night Out on December 21. This is a great opportunity for families to have childcare while they get last minute holiday shopping/errands done. This is also a fundraiser to help get the LNC Varsity Cheerleaders to a National Competition after winning the State Championship earlier this month! Please click [here](#) for the registration form and return it to the ES Office.



1st & 2nd Grade Winter Concerts

Congratulations to all of our 1st and 2nd grade students who performed in their winter concert, *Pajama Party!* A special thank you to Ms. Spearman for all of her hard work on these two performances.

Top Picture: 1st Grade Bottom Picture: 2nd Grade



Holiday Baseball Hitting Camp

Lake Norman Charter Baseball is holding a Winter Elite Swing Mechanics Camp for Students grades 4 - 8. The camp will be held on December 19-21 or December 26-28. This

camp is designed to introduce players to LNCharter baseball, by helping to develop the skills needs and giving them a better understanding of high school baseball at LNC. Click [here](#) for the LNC Elite Swing Camp Registration Form. Bring your registration form and entry cost to camp on the first day.



Dr. Kendrick Gets "Hooded"

Congratulations to Dr. Curtis Kendrick, who had his doctoral degree conferred on him December 13, 2018 at UNCC. He was "hooded" by Dr. Stephan, his advisor, LNC parent and UNCC professor. Additionally, Dr. Graham was there to help celebrate his big accomplishment!



Report Cards Go Home

Report cards will go home after the winter break on January 11, 2019. MS and ES MAP scores will be included with report cards.

Dress for Cold Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed for the cold weather. They should have a coat, gloves and hat each day as they do go outside to transition to other buildings, for PE class and for recess. If temperatures are below 20 degrees or if there is a wind chill factor causing temperatures to dip significantly, then we will stay indoors. However, if at all possible, we will take the students outside. They truly need this time to run around and play if at all possible. Thanks for your help in ensuring that they have the clothing to keep them warm!





All Pro Dad

This is a great opportunity for MS dads and kids to meet in the MS cafeteria for a quick, before-school breakfast and a 45-minute program on fatherhood and family topics. Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Welcome Our Newest Knight!

Congratulations Demi Ckezepis, and her husband Justin, on the newest addition to their family, Noah! Welcome to the LNC family Baby Ckezepis!



Community Art Show

LNC will be having a school-wide community art show this December and January at the State Employee Credit Union located on Statesville Road near Gilead Road. The artwork will be on display through the end of January. Parents are welcome to see their child's piece on display. Art teachers at each school will notify you if your child's piece has been selected. Pictured are the middle school students and their art display work.



LNC Students Around Town on School Field Trips

4th Grade Goes to Biltmore



Art Club Information

First semester Art Beautification Club has ended. All second semester Art Club students will begin their meetings in Room 814, the art room, on Monday January 7. Looking forward to a "creative" New Year!

Save The Dates

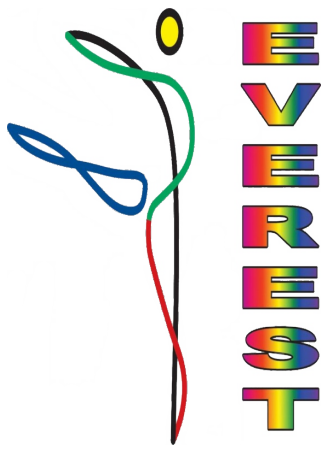
Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at LNC:

- December 20 - January 2 - Winter Break
- January 3 - Alumni Lunch & Panel
- January 7 - PTO Board meeting
- January 8 - HS Principal's Coffee Chat
- January 8 - 3rd & 4th grade MAP testing
- January 8 - HS Band Concert
- January 9 - Lunch Ordering Opens (lunches served 2/11/19-3/8/19)
- January 10 - Board of Education meeting
- January 11 - Report Cards go home
- January 12 - HS Winter Formal
- January 15 - MS Principal's Coffee Chat
- January 21 - NO School for Students
- January 21 - Deadline to Order Lunches
- January 22 - ES Principal's Coffee Chat

[Click here](#) to see the LNC school calendar and all upcoming events

Do You Want to See What Students, Staff and Parents are Doing at LNC?

Use [this link](#) to see a photo slide show of LNC students, staff and parents learning, leading and serving. The slide show is updated often, so check back frequently by using the link on the front page of our website or looking under Student Life and clicking on LNC in Pictures.



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