



**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**

### Superintendent Says

Last week, Senate Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) and Sen. Dan Bishop (R-Mecklenburg) hosted an education roundtable at UNC Charlotte with local members of the education community and industry partners. The discussion centered around ensuring that North Carolina students are prepared to enter college or the workforce given the ever-changing demands and job opportunities. I was fortunate to be invited to participate in those discussions and what I learned was:

- Colleges are looking for well-rounded students who demonstrate they are creative, critical thinkers in addition to having a strong educational background.
- Many jobs that may need to be filled in the next decade do not even exist now, ensuring that adaptability will be key to success for those who enter the workforce.
- Employers find that they may have an ample pool of applicants with specific training but those applicants lack necessary soft skills, appreciation for the contributions of those with differing backgrounds and ingenuity to fit in their company.
- Lake Norman Charter has been forward-thinking when it comes to being intentional about exposing our students to skills that both universities and employers find important such as appreciation for cultural diversity, exposing students to leadership experiences, encouraging critical thinking and questioning, and providing meaningful experiences for students to both collaborate and compromise. All these opportunities lead to the strong foundation for our graduates that both colleges and industry leaders are looking for.



For those families who are unaware, LNC and the Board of Directors are constantly looking for both best practice and stakeholder feedback as a way to ensure that we are ever evolving in a way that will continue to best serve our students. One way you can help is to spend the 3-5 minutes it takes to complete the yearly survey (click [HERE](#) to take it if you have not already). All information shared is both anonymous and will be reviewed by the Board at their annual planning retreat in April.

Thank you for choosing LNC for your family and for your continued support!

### Serve10 Volunteer Program



We wish to thank the following committed [families](#) who have served 10 or more hours of volunteer time through the second quarter, **May 1 - December 19, 2018**. Whether it's chaperoning a field trip, accepting admissions during an athletic event, helping with the lunch program or being a mystery reader for our youngest Knights, we would not be able to provide our students with the same educational experience without you!

Our next Serve10 period will end March 18 so don't wait to get started! To view all available volunteer opportunities, [click here](#) or visit the Serve10 page on the LNC website. Remember to check back often because the Sign Ups are dynamic. If you have any questions, please email Michelle Negrete at [mnegrete@lncharter.org](mailto:mnegrete@lncharter.org). We look forward to continuing the legacy of leading and serving begun by LNC's founding families and Together We Learn, Lead and **SERVE!**

**Strategic Area of Focus - Technology and Innovation**

Each month we report in the Knights News on one of our four strategic areas of focus. These areas are:

- School-Life Balance
- Technology and Innovation
- Global Diversity and Inclusion
- LNC Community Engagement

They were identified as areas of focus because each advances our mission, encourages the practice of our core values and provides the education necessary to prepare our students after graduation. This month we discuss Technology and Innovation.

In 9th grade, students transition from the Apple iPads used in middle school to a Microsoft platform laptop, building a deeper knowledge base and ensuring they can adapt to various technology situations. Also at the high school, our students and teachers use Google's G-Suite, which supports collaboration. For example, students can work in small groups with each member having rights to a document or presentation. Students can work with their teachers in a similar manner, collaborating to improve a project or assignment.

At the middle school, our students receive around 35 hours of targeted digital citizenship instruction throughout their four years (5th-8th grades). This training includes topics that educate them about online etiquette, awareness, safety and security. Because we provide this digital citizenship curriculum, the middle school is a Common Sense Certified School through a program offered by Common Sense Education, a nonprofit resource for parents, students and educators.



The elementary school is working towards achieving its Digital Citizenship Certification through lessons taught during their media center special. The examples above all help "build socially responsible digital citizens with the necessary technology skills and experience to thrive in the collegiate and business environment," which is one of LNC's technology goals.

Next month, nine of our staff members will be attending the North Carolina Technology in Education Society's (NCTIES) conference in Raleigh. NCTIES is one of the leading annual tech conferences in the nation, and this important professional development opportunity is sponsored by the Knights' Fund and made possible through parent support of Invest in Excellence. LNC's participation helps ensure our staff and students "stay on the leading edge of technology and innovation," which is another goal of Technology and Innovation.

Look for an update on School-Life Balance in this column in next month's Knights News.

## Get Ready to Celebrate



Join us for a hooting and hollering good time at **LNC's 20th Year Celebration: Boots, Bulls and BBQ** on Saturday, March 23 at Rural Hill from 5:00 - 10:00pm. Click the video above for a sneak peek into all the fun and games available during our adult only event.

### Don't Wait to Get Your Tickets

Over 250 tickets have already been sold, but it is not too late! Tickets are available till **Wednesday, March 6**, so don't wait.

[www.lncharter.org/BootsBullsandBBQ](http://www.lncharter.org/BootsBullsandBBQ)



Do you or someone you know have a good poker face? If so, we have three more spots available for a seat at the table in the **Boots Bulls & BBQ** Poker Tournament. Prizes will be given to the top TWO winners!

Click [here](#) to secure a seat at the table.



Is Childcare an issue for you? LNC Cheerleaders are offering a childcare option from 4:45pm - 9:30pm for children ages 5 -11 at the MS campus.

Click [here](#) to reserve a spot for your child(ren).



Sponsorships are available with an assortment of benefits. If you or someone you know has a business who would like to sponsor our event, please contact Sara Lay at [slay@lncharter.org](mailto:slay@lncharter.org).

Click [here](#) for more information on sponsorship opportunities.

## 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: Dominic Ciresi, Rylee Allen, Ryan Hansen, Amelia Washington, Evan Holland, Grayson Shepard and Isaiah Keck. Not pictured, Madison Reed.



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): Jason Richards, Reagan Dodson and Joy Atwell



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 (left to right): Jake Crapster (Responsibility), Rishi Narayan (Integrity), Grace Dolaher (Respect) and Tanmayee Kanagala (Responsibility)

## Knights Fund Update

**Invest in Excellence (MS & HS) Update** - Is the quality of your student's education important to you? Do you want your student to be well prepared for college? Did you choose to send your student to Lake Norman Charter? Of course, the answer to all three questions is "YES." As LNC parents, every one of us cares deeply about our child's education, which is why we made the CHOICE to apply to the lottery and send our student to LNC. So it's interesting that only 25% of us choose to support LNC and our student's education by Investing in Excellence. We know that all schools struggle to make their financial ends meet. Schools are notoriously underfunded in the United States. We know that charter schools have an even greater financial challenge. We also know that, through good fortune, we've received a gift of our child "winning the lottery" and attending LNC. (This year, 6,177 people played that lottery and, so far, only 185 of them "won.") Please consider what your child's Lake Norman Charter education is worth and make a donation commensurate with that figure. Our Invest in Excellence goals this year are real and necessary. Learn more about those goals and make your "investment" at <https://www.lncharter.org/InvestInExcellence>. If you need further information, please contact Sara Lay at [slay@lncharter.org](mailto:slay@lncharter.org).

**Rise Together (K-4th) Update** - Elementary parents a pat on the back because out of the \$1.2 million that you pledged during last year's Rise Together campaign, you have donated \$459,769! If you have any questions about your Rise Together pledge, do not hesitate to contact Michelle Negrete at [mnegrete@lncharter.org](mailto:mnegrete@lncharter.org).



## LNC Teacher Spotlight

Since LNC is celebrating its 20 year anniversary this year, let's look back at past Teachers of the Year, many of whom are still with us today! There was no Teacher of the Year program at LNC back in the late 90's when our MS began, our HS began the program in its second year (2008) and our ES began the program last year.

Congratulations to these teachers who have been recognized with that honor over the years and are still with us today!

2004-2005 Mrs. Carrie Garges 8th grade Math  
2005-2006 Mrs. Connie Stone 8th grade Science  
2006-2007 Mrs. Marianne Rogowski MS Media Center  
2008-2009 Mrs. Trudy Marinier MS French  
2009-2010 Mrs. Leigh Ann Williams HS Biology  
2010-2011 Mrs. Melissa Scire HS Exceptional Children  
2010-2011 Mrs. Charita Justice 8th grade English  
2011-2012 Mrs. Courtney Mervine MS Art  
2012-2013 Mrs. Cara Matocha HS Art  
2012-2013 Dr. Curtis Kendrick 7th grade Math  
2013-2014 Ms. Leslie McFarland HS English  
2014-2015 Mr. Brandon Brown HS History  
2014-2015 Mrs. Sue Hammond 5th Grade Language Arts & Social Studies  
2015-2016 Mrs. Melissa McNeilly HS Spanish  
2015-2016 Mrs. Cathy Bogarad 6th grade Language Arts  
2016-2017 Mrs. Melissa Smith HS English  
2016-2017 Mrs. Tara Costenoble 5th grade Math & Science  
2017-2018 Mr. Travis DeZordo HS Social Studies  
2017-2018 Ms. Kisha Braziel MS Business Computers and Applications  
2017-2018 Mrs. Erin Baker 1st grade



### PTO Staff Appreciation

Staff Appreciation Week is just around the corner, March 4 - 8. The week will be filled with treats from the PTO, however we are having a campus wide Supply Drive and we need your help to make it a success!

**HS** and **MS** families, please consider signing-up on the links below to donate one or more items to the Supply Drive, provide a few extras for the staff luncheon or volunteer your time!

Click [here](#) for **HS** SUG

Click [here](#) for **MS** SUG

**ES** families – please consider sending in the following items with your student(s) each day to assist with the Supply Drive:

- Monday – Hand Sanitizer
- Tuesday – Box of Tissues
- Wednesday – Paper Towels
- Thursday – Box of Tissues.

If you have already signed up to bring items for the luncheon on Friday, as always thank you. You will be able to drop off those items during carpool on Friday, March 8.

## LNC Takes on the Charlotte Hornets

The PTO would like to thank all our families from the ES, MS and HS campuses who attended the LNC Spirit Night with the Hornets. It was a great evening cheering on our Charlotte Hornets with the LNC community. Candace, Molly, and Nichole (PTO Presidents)



## KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

### LNC Athletics

Our winter sports have concluded and we have kicked off our spring sports season! Good luck to all Knights and please be aware of our LNC sportmanship expectations.

### LNC Sportsmanship

Our 2018-2019 LNC athletic season has been very successful so far. Many teams are having superb seasons, including record-breaking individual performances. Athletes, parents, and fans are encouraged to continue to positively participate and support ALL of our athletic teams. One of the main goals of school athletics is to foster positive character with sportsmanship being one of those values. At LNC we pride ourselves in having a strong athletic program, but more importantly, conducting ourselves as good sports. We encourage and expect good sportsmanship by all student athletes, coaches and spectators.

**Profanity, racial or ethnic comments, negative comments toward officials or opposing teams/fans and/or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and violators will be removed from the competition site.**

Please continue to cheer on your Knights' accomplishments, but remember to do so in a positive manner that does not impugn other players, game officials, or fans and keeps with the LNC mission of demonstrating personal integrity with the desire to learn, lead and serve.

Also, for safety reasons, fans must stay off the track during games and remain on the stadium side of the field. Please also observe our other venue rules:

- No pets on campus
- No disruptive devices
- No re-entry
- No tobacco or alcohol
- No parking in the carpool area (after 3:50 pm)

Admission to all high school games is \$6, or FREE (regular season games only) with an [Athletic Booster pass](#). There is no charge for middle school games.

*Thanks and Go Knights!*



### Athletic Booster Club

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Athletic Boosters are proud to announce our 1st Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, June 7 at Skybrook Golf Club. More information to come soon!

### Volunteer During Athletic Event

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 upcoming Athletic events.



Congratulations to LNC football seniors, Max Blitstein (UNC Charlotte) and Davis Wilder (Elon), who signed a Letter of Intent to play at the next level!

## LNCHARTER PRESENTS



### HS Band Takes on Disney

The band enjoyed a few sunny days in Orlando at Walt Disney World February 13-16. They had the opportunity to work with a professional musician in Disney's recording studio, and worked on and recorded soundtrack music like the pros. They played several selections including "Grim Grinning Ghosts," "Reflections" from Mulan, and "Arabian Nights" from Aladdin.

## CHARTER ALUMNI



### Congratulations Alumni Jacob Abel '16

Jacob Abel graduated LNC in 2016 and is now a junior at Seton Hall University where he is studying International Relations. Last week, Jacob spoke at the United Nations about climate change!

## KNIGHTLY NEWS FLASH

Brought to you by LNC sponsor, [Riva Dermatology](#)

### LNC Parent Survey

Each year we ask our parents to complete the annual LNC [parent survey](#). The survey is anonymous and provides the administration and board with helpful feedback on issues that are critical to our day-to-day operations and future planning. We do ask that you complete a separate school survey if your children attend more than one school. The average time to complete the survey is just 3 minutes!

### LNCHARTER



The survey will remain open until 11 pm on **Thursday, March 7**. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important annual exercise.

### 2019-2020

### School Calendar

Plan ahead and start marking your calendar! The Board approved the LNC calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. The calendar is available [here](#) and on the LNC website.

**\*\*ES Families** - Please note the week of October 14-18, the ES will be closed. This week will be moved into our new building. This means we will only have ONE built-in weather-related day, so if LNC ES is closed for any more than one day due to weather we will need to make up those days. Thank you for your advanced attention to this matter.

## MS Father Daughter Dance

A message and heartfelt thank you from Ms. Stone:

A HUGE thank you to the parent and student volunteers who helped make this year's middle school Father/Daughter dance a reality. Cindy Deutsch did all of the theme planning, purchasing, and setting up. She had help this year from Heather McElroy and Molly Vick. Student volunteers were Abby Deutsch, Callie Johnson, and Evelyn Vick. Our photographer, Heather Gaydeski and our DJ, Cap'n Sam always do a great job. Thank you to all of them for their dedication to making this event a success. I could not do this without you all! Sincerely, Connie Stone

LNCS Father & Daughter 2019



## Candy Grams Were a Success!

The MS and ES student council would like to thank all the students and parents who purchased candy grams in February. The MS sold over

600 candy grams and the ES sold 1,300! The student councils of both schools are still deciding how the proceeds will be spent and consider this year a big success! Congratulations MS and ES student council for all of your hard work!

## Leadership in Action

Next month our 9th and 10th grade students have their final Leadership in Action day of the year. This day will be a workshop for the students to work on their reflections. As a reminder, 9th grade students have been introduced to two of the seven skills (Communication & Collaboration and Integrity & Accountability) and should have reflections completed on these two skills by the end of this year. Our 10th grade students have now discussed five of the seven skills (the two above as freshmen and Enthusiasm & Purpose, Adaptability & Creativity and Confidence this year) and should have five narratives completed by the end of this year. Parents can find their student's status in LIA by viewing in Schoolology, similar to any other course. The student's portfolio of narratives is being stored there under the Leadership course.



## Global Read Aloud Day

February 1 was Global Read Aloud Day. Mrs. Tedder's, Mrs. Jones' and Mr. Leach's classes got the amazing opportunity to Skype published author, Amy Makechnie and listen to her read an excerpt of her novel, *The*

## MS Math Team

Congrats to the LNC MS Math team of Nikhil Sampath, Sean Huynh, Devin Buckler, and Julian Grinberg for taking 4th at MATHCOUNTS South Piedmont Regionals and qualifying for the State Finals. In addition, thanks to the following team members: Nikitha Gogineni, Tim Zhang, Emily Jon, Michelle Jon, Eric Chi and Tyra Washington who played an intricate role in the team's success. The LNC family is proud of you and applauds your hard work. Also, Kudos to Nikhil Sampath for being runner-up for Countdown at the competition.

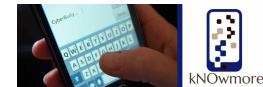


## Susan Wind of Parents kNow more

Save the date for Tuesday, March 5 for the Susan

Wind of [Parents kNow more Social Media and Cyber-bullying](#) event hosted by Lake Norman Charter and Community School of Davidson. This important event will include topics on:

- Understanding the ever-changing social media platforms our children are using today
- Current terminology used on social media
- Legal ramifications for parents and adolescents
- Resources for parents
- Statistics and case studies on cyber-bullying



## End of 3rd Quarter

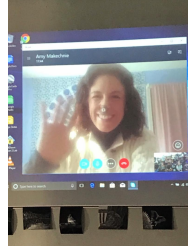
Parents, the 3rd quarter has come and is almost gone! The quarter ends next Friday, March 8. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 22.

## Save The Dates

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at LNC:

- March 2 - ES Father Daughter Dance
- March 4 - PTO Meeting
- March 5 - HS Principal's Coffee Chat
- March 5 - Parents kNow more Event
- March 7 - Board of Education Meeting
- March 8 - End of 3rd Quarter
- March 11 - No School for Students
- March 12 - MS Principal's Coffee Chat
- March 13 - Lunch Ordering Period Opens  
*Lunches Served: HS 4/22-5/27; MS 4/22-5/18; ES 4/22-5/30*
- March 13 - Leadership in Action Day at HS
- March 19 - ES Principal's Coffee Chat
- March 20 - MS Movie Day
- March 21 - Kindergarten Concert
- March 22 - Report Cards Sent Home
- March 23 - Boots, Bulls & BBQ 20th Year

*Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair.* The students asked great questions such as, "How many books have you written?" "What is the process of becoming published?" and even "How many pets do you have?"



Amy gave our 6th graders words of encouragement to continue writing the novels they've started in Mr. Leach's class. Thank you tech team and Mrs. Tedder for organizing this event.

- Celebration Event
- March 29 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Children's Theatre

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

## LNC Students Around Town on School Field Trips

### 4th Grade Takes on Raleigh



### All Pro Dad

This is a great opportunity for MS dads and kids to meet in the MS cafetorium 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 Knights!

Congratulations Ashley Williams, and her husband Forrest, on the newest addition to their family, Bode! Welcome to the LNC family Baby Williams!



### 7th Grade Goes to Discovery Place



Congratulations Jordan Walker, and her husband Clayton, on the newest addition to their family, Sloan! Welcome to the LNC family Baby Walker!

### 1st Grade Finds Treasure with Diamond Del's





### Knights in the News

[Student raising money for Huntersville Police K9 vest](#)

### 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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