



**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**

## Board Briefs

In October we introduced you to Steve Jones and Ricky Jones, two of the nine volunteers who make up Lake Norman Charter's Board of Education. These volunteers, who are parents of either current or graduated LNC students, give their time and expertise to ensure LNC continues to grow. Please click this [video](#) to meet Board Member Anna Blackwelder.

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 Education meets monthly, typically the first Thursday evening of each month. Please use [this link](#) to apply. Applications are due January 31, 2019.

## Today We Learn, Lead and Serve

Last month three of our LNC students demonstrated our school motto through their actions. Sarai Genece (10th), Leila Genece (8th) and Callie Genece (5th) helped serve over 275 homeless men a holiday dinner. Mrs. Genece reported, "It was such a blessing for them to see the smiles on these men's faces and feel such gratitude for young people willing to give back in their community. The men could not stop thanking them. I am grateful that my daughters are part of a school that believes in learning, leading and serving and putting the needs of others above themselves."



Will the Rams or the Patriots be Super Bowl LIII champions? We don't know yet, but we do know the 5th grade needs your help to "tackle" hunger with our own "Souper Bowl of Caring" running now through Friday, February 1! Middle School families can score a few "touchdowns" by sending in cans and other nonperishable goods for our annual 5th grade-led food drive and leadership initiative. Food donations will be given to Huntersville Loaves and Fishes to feed needy families right here in our own community! With extra people needing assistance now due to the recent government shutdown, Loaves and Fishes

needs your help more than ever this year. Last year the middle school collected 427 lbs. of food; let's see if we can break last year's record! Representatives from each grade level will be stationed in the hallways in the morning to collect your MS student's donations through Friday, February 1. Please help us reach our GOAL!

Last month LNC 2nd grade students collected 367 pounds of canned foods to benefit Loaves and Fishes! Your support of this leadership initiative made a difference to many families in our area this holiday season. Thank you!



## Strategic Area of Focus - Global Diversity and Inclusion

In September we shared information about our Global Diversity and Inclusion (GDI) Initiative strategic area of focus. We have been working towards our goals in several ways in order to expand staff and student awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the diversity in our school, our community, and the world.

We are proud to share that to date, all of our teachers, administrators, and teaching assistants have participated in a half-day introductory workshop where we began to address our own beliefs and biases through discussions of diversity-related topics, including race and ethnicity, religion, disabilities, gender and gender identity, and socioeconomic status. Our teachers also participated in team or department training about facilitating courageous

conversations in the classroom. The Teacher Development Committee is currently working on a follow-up workshop based on teacher and administrative feedback. Our goal is to pilot the workshop this spring with a small group of teachers and roll it out to the entire staff this summer and next fall.

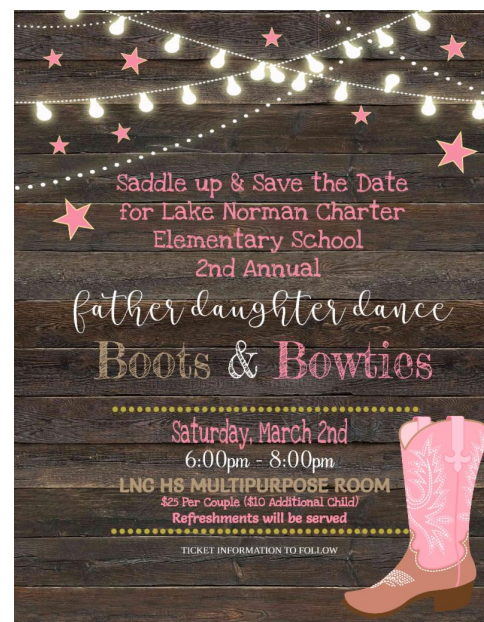
Our Student Development Committee is working hard at each level. Based on a calendar of monthly themes, students participate in classroom or school-wide activities that promote discussion and awareness. For example, at the elementary school, students learned about bullying prevention, Native American heritage and were immersed in Holidays Around the World to learn about and celebrate global customs and holiday traditions. At the middle school, students hear bi-weekly announcements on the month's theme as well as participate in Drop Everything and Talk (DET) classroom discussions once per month in response to resources about topics such as Indian heritage, Native American heritage, Asian heritage, Black History Month, and more. There's also a monthly bulletin board that promotes each theme. Finally, at the high school, student-created bulletin boards and student-run Twitter chats are offered on topics such as Global Diversity, Hispanic heritage, Middle Eastern heritage and Women's History.

As our mission states, "We believe that cultivating an inclusive learning environment that is free of hostility, intimidation or marginalization of any groups creates shared understanding, awareness and the opportunity to contribute positively to our local and global communities." We are committed to this mission, but we also realize that since this is a learning process for our teachers and students, there are likely to be some bumps in the road. As we grow in our knowledge and understanding, we welcome constructive communication and feedback from all stakeholders as we research, prioritize and adopt practices that foster and support a diverse school-wide community.

## Get Ready to Celebrate



The MS Father/Daughter dance will be held on Thursday, February 21 at Magnolia Woods: 12125 Statesville Rd, Huntersville from 6:30-8:30pm. Click [here](http://www.lncharter.org) to purchase your tickets and click [here](#) to purchase your pictures for this red carpet event. If you purchase tickets, please remember to join the Father/Daughter Dance Schoology group. Here you will receive important information pertaining to the event, find pictures of past events, and pictures of this dance will be uploaded to this group. The Schoology Access Code is HBKBZ-95ZF4.



The ES Father/Daughter dance will be held on Saturday, March 2 in the HS Multipurpose Room from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Tickets will be \$25 per couple and \$10 for additional children. More information regarding ticket purchases and picture options will be posted to the ES Parent to Parent Schoology group soon. Thank you to our Knights Dads for hosting this night of dancing and fun!



Calling all bull w ranglers, cow girls and buckaroos and anyone else w ho just w ants to have an old fashioned hooting and hollering good time to **LNC's 20th Year Celebration: Boots, Bulls and BBQ.**

Saturday, March 23 at Rural Hill from 5:00 – 10:00pm. Casual attire, boots and spurs optional. Adults only. More details on tickets, lively entertainment and childcare options to follow .

## Class of 2019 Top Seniors



Congratulations to the 2019 Top Seniors! These students, w ho w ere nominated by HS teachers, represent LNC's motto to lead, learn, and serve every day in the classroom and w ith their extracurricular activities in the community. We are proud to honor them w ith a feature in the Yearbook and individually at Senior Award Night. This year's top seniors, pictured above (l-r) are: Jackson Harwood, Caitlin Lancaster, Alvin Mutongi, Emmanuel Dudley, Brittany Blitstein, and Patrick Dukes. Well deserved!

## Knights of Honor



Elementary School

Middle School

High 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.

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

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  
ES Knights of Honor

Congratulations to the  
MS Knights of Honor

Congratulations to the  
HS Knights of Honor

Pictured with Ms. Holland: Edgar Adame, Elise Hill, Lillian Lairamore, Matthew Fallow s, and London Stafford

Pictured with Dr. Graham (left to right): Preston Graham, Ali Veziroglu, Amelia Sztabowski and Sara Moody

Pictured with Mr. Smith (left to right): Jake Crapster (Responsibility), Rishi Narayan (Integrity), Grace Dolaher (Respect) and Tanmayee Kanagala (Responsibility)

## *Invest in Excellence 2018 - 2019*

We invite you to Invest in Excellence in the 2018-2019 school year and help:

- Purchase four updated school buses for field trips, campus-to-campus shuttles and extra-curricular purposes
- Improve security at the middle school by relocating the visitor entrance and adding a vestibule with a second set of locked doors
- Construct a shade structure over the HS courtyard to increase the use of this area and to offer protection from the elements before and after the school day and during transition times

You've Chosen Charter, Now [Choose to Invest](#)



## *LNC Meet the Teachers*



Ms. Elizabeth Coleman



Ms. Ashleigh Lockhart and Ms. Mikaela Whitcomb

We would like to introduce three new staff members who recently joined the LNC team: Ms. Elizabeth Coleman as the HS Earth Science teacher, Ms. Ashleigh Lockhart as the 8th grade Science teacher and Ms. Mikaela Whitcomb as the MS Spanish teacher. Please help us in welcoming these talented teachers, as we are excited to have them as part of the LNC family!



### **PTO Lunch Program Thanks You**

On behalf of the school and LNC PTO, we wish to sincerely thank our lunch volunteers, especially those who've recently stepped up in response to our all call for volunteers! Our lunch program netted \$72,000 for our PTO last school year. Check out this [video](#) to see what else LNC is grateful for!

### **LNC Spirit Night with the Charlotte Hornets**

Calling all K-12 families to join your fellow Knights to cheer on the Hornets as they take on the Nets on Saturday, February 23! Our school community will all be sitting in section 204 and tickets are available at two price points. Click [here](#) to learn more and purchase your tickets! This event is sponsored by your LNC PTO.



## KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

### Wells Fargo Cup Standings

We are excited to announce that, after the fall sports season, LNC is currently tied for first place in Wells Fargo State Cup Standings for Division 2A sports. Click [here](#) to read the full article. Good luck Knights!

### Coaching Positions Still Available

Attention LNC Parents:

We have some coaching needs for the upcoming fall season!

- High School Football - Assistant Coach
- Middle School Football - Head and Assistant Coaches

If you are interested and would like to learn more about what is involved in joining the LNC coaching staff, please send Athletic Director, Matt Schlegel ([mschlegel@lncharter.org](mailto:mschlegel@lncharter.org)) an email.

### Spring Sports Tryouts

If your MS (7th/8th) or HS student is interested in participating in a spring sport at LNC, click [here](#) to view the upcoming schedule for dates and locations of each sport's tryout. Good luck Knights!

### Athletic Booster Club Reminder

It is not too late to become an LNC Booster! Your Booster membership gets your family into all home LNC sporting events free and this includes the upcoming 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



### HS Band Concert

The HS band finally got to perform their winter concert on January 8 and it was worth the wait! Congratulations to all the HS band members for a great evening.

### South Central All District Band

Congratulations to Alex Nutter (10th), Aileen Enriquez (9th), Martin

Hare (8th), Hailey Masterson (8th), Havilyn Smith (8th) and Julian Grinberg (7th) for auditioning for the South Central All District Band. Students from several counties around the area auditioned for a panel of judges playing scales, a solo, and sight reading.

A special congratulations to Julian Grinberg for being accepted into the Symphonic band and Hailey Masterson for 2nd alternative to the Symphonic band. The Symphonic band is the top MS group. These students participated in a clinic this weekend and represented LNC well. Congratulations!



*Julian Grinberg and Mr. Dylan Scaringelli*

## CHARTER ALUMNI



### Thank You Alumni

Thanks to all the LNC alumni who returned a few weeks ago so we could treat them to lunch and catch up. The advice they offered during our Q&A panels with our seniors was valuable and helpful as they make their college choice and prepare to go next fall.

## KNIGHTLY ⚡ NEWS FLASH

Brought to you by LNC sponsor, [Selden Orthodontics](#)

### LNC Parent Survey

It's almost time for you to make your voice heard by completing our annual parent survey. We strive for 100% participation from our families. Your important feedback helps determine areas of focus for the upcoming school year and helps us measure areas of improvement and opportunities for growth. Look for the survey in mid-February.



### ES Mother/Son Outing

Thank you to the ES PTO for hosting a great Mother/Son outing to enjoy a HS men's varsity basketball game. It was a fun night had by all!



### Support the LNC Cheer Team

Show your Knight Pride and order a spirit shirt from the LNC Cheerleaders! These are available in Youth Small – Adult 2XL and perfect for school spirit days. The shirt color is a light gray with black and blue printing. Click [here](#) to purchase your shirts by February 1st. Thank you for your support of the LNC Cheer program!

### MS Spelling Bee

After 17 intense rounds, Nikhil Sampath (7th) is our LNC Spelling Bee champion! Good job to 2nd place Penelope Goldstein (6th) and 3rd place Eric Chi (6th) and to all the students who participated in our spelling bee.



Nikhil will go on to represent





## Class of 2019 Save the Dates

This is an exciting time for your senior and we don't want you to miss a moment! Here are some important dates for you and your student to mark on your calendars:

- **Thursday, January 31** - Deadline to order your Senior Tribute in the yearbook. See the [flyer](#) for more information and click [here](#) to order online
- **Thursday, February 28 to Sunday, March 3** – Senior Trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, FL
- **Tuesday, May 14** – Senior Awards Night, 6:30pm, HS MPR
- **Friday, May 31** – Graduation Rehearsal; Students will meet at LNC at 8:00am to be bussed uptown to Belk Theatre. This will prevent students from having to pay for parking. Students **MUST** ride the bus to participate in graduation. Rehearsal is from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Students will be back to LNC by 12:30pm
- **Friday, May 31** – Graduation, 7:00pm, Belk Theatre, 130 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 *More ceremony details will be coming soon*



## LNC Sibling Lottery

The deadline to apply for a student to be included in the lottery for the 2019-2020 school year is 11:59pm on THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019. If you have a child who is NOT currently enrolled but who wants to attend LNC for the 2019-2020 school year in grades K-12, please make sure to complete a lottery application before this deadline. Click [here](#) for the lottery application or click the orange button on our website [www.lncharter.org](http://www.lncharter.org). Because you have a student who currently attends our school, any new application would qualify for "sibling preference." If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sue Scott at [lottery@lncharter.org](mailto:lottery@lncharter.org).



## 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.

## 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

LNC in the regional charter Spelling Bee competition hosted by Union Academy.



## MS Geography Bee

The 2019 LNC Geography Bee winner is 6th grader Jackson Burgon who, after several rounds of fierce competition, beat out

fellow 6th grader Adam Whittington. Congratulations and good luck to Jackson as he moves on to the state qualifying test.

*Pictured above (l-r): Adam Whittington and Jackson Burgon*

## HS Poetry Out Loud

Creative Writing class participates in the NEA's national competition, Poetry Out Loud. This year's school's winner is Katie Bergmann (12th)



and first place runner-up is Rohan Jagarlamudi (9th). Both students represented LNC at the Mecklenburg district competition, which includes students from schools all over Mecklenburg county. Katie placed 2nd at the district competition and Rohan placed 3rd. As Katie is unable to attend the State competition, Rohan will move on to the State level to represent LNC in Greensboro next month. Wish him luck as he will be competing for the Poetry Out Loud NC winner with students from all over NC! Great job to both Katie and Rohan!

## Honor Roll at LNC

Congratulations to the students on the LNCharter honor roll for second quarter, 2018-19 school year.

Click [here](#) to view the LNC honor roll list.



## Student Video Contest

Reminder - all HS and MS "Why I love LNC" video submissions are due this Thursday, January 31. All participants will be entered to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. Send a link to your video or use WeTransfer to send to [jjohnson@lncharter.org](mailto:jjohnson@lncharter.org).



**Inclement Weather Policy**

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!



In the event of inclement weather, we will announce a decision to cancel or delay the start of school by contacting the local affiliates [WSOC](#) (ABC), [WBTV](#) (CBS), [WCNC](#) (NBC) and they will broadcast our closing information. In addition, we will email and text

our parents using the contact information that we have on file for each student, along with posting any information to the LNC2P groups on Schoology. Decisions regarding the closing of school or implementing a delayed start time will be made by 5:30am. Please note that we do not contact the local news stations in the event that school remains open.

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### Charlotte Ballet Comes to LNC

MS students welcomed the Charlotte Ballet to LNC and were entranced by the performers during the Black History Program. Student participants enjoyed learning movements inspired by the country of Liberia. The final performance was an adaptation of Shakespeare's Othello, and included contemporary movements to modern artists such as Rihanna and Sam Smith. The young performers answered questions at the end, and the entire presentation was a wonderful experience for our student body!



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### Save The Dates

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at LNC:

- February 5 - HS Principal's Coffee Chat
- February 7 - Board of Education Meeting
- February 8 - 5th & 6th Grade Valentine Dance
- February 12 - MS Principal's Coffee Chat
- February 13 - Lunch Ordering Open (lunches served 3/11-4/11/19)
- February 13 - 4th Grade Field Trip to Raleigh
- February 13-17 - HS Band trip to Disney
- February 14 - LNC Lottery
- February 15 - E-Learning Day for HS & MS; Half Day School on Campus for ES
- February 18 - NO School for Students
- February 19 - Evening ES Principal's Coffee Chat
- February 20 - 11th Grade ACT
- February 21 - MS Father Daughter Dance
- February 25 - Deadline to Order Lunches
- February 28-March 3 - Senior Trip to Universal Studios in Orlando

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

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### Welcome Our Newest Knights!

Congratulations Chet Korczynski, and his wife Stephanie, on the newest addition to their family, Charlotte! Welcome to the LNC family Baby Korczynski!



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### LNC Students Around Town on School Field Trips

#### ES and 8th Grade Goes to Davidson Basketball Game

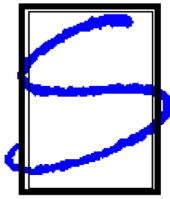
All 500 ES students and 200 8th grade students from LNC helped take over the Davidson College Women's Basketball game during Davidson College Education Day. Thank you to all the chaperones who assisted in making this possible for our students!

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### 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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