



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

Principals Speak

Wonder what's on the mind of the LNC Principals and Assistant Principals as we start the second half of a school year? Read on to see:



Craig Smith, HS Principal and **Marcus Funchess**, HS Assistant Principal: "We opened up the school year with a minor change to our bell schedule, but hopefully with a huge positive impact. After reviewing feedback from stakeholders and with full-support of our faculty, we reduced our seven class periods and reallocated that time to extend our lunch period. This resulted in increasing our lunch-time by almost 40% to help support the School-Life Balance of our students and teachers, which is one of our Strategic Areas of Focus. Furthermore, for the first time in LNC HS history, our final exams will count 20% of the student's final grade, compared to the 25% previously valued."



Cherié Graham, MS Principal and **Brian Bauer**, MS Assistant Principal: "Looking back to the first semester, we are most proud of both our students and teachers for growing so significantly, especially in Math. We went from 79% to 88% proficient in one school year, which is an amazing feat. We are back to business now after our holiday break and we commit to maintaining our focus—growing our students academically to ready them for high school and beyond."



Michelle Holland, ES Principal and **Melanie Latza**, ES Assistant Principal: "We are speechless...a dream has become a reality as we have risen together and are now in our new home! As we ring in the New Year with the lottery before us, I want to make sure we always keep our positive school culture and family-feel that was started three years ago with just 300 students and their parents. Those first second graders are now our fourth graders! There is an excitement in the air as we grow our school family next fall with the addition of one classroom per grade level. Building relationships with all stakeholders will continue to be our focus while we watch our youngest Knights learn, lead and serve."

Let's Elevate LNC!

We are excited to share that our Elevate total is now at \$1.2 million! A huge thank you to our families who have already invested in this major project and made this possible. If you have not yet sent in your pledge card, please do so. [RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD](#). If you have indicated that you will be donating monthly and you have not yet established this, please do so today. Here is the link to easily set that up: [ESTABLISH YOUR MONTHLY DONATION](#). Nearly 40% of our families have participated in the Elevate campaign, most at the suggested \$2,400 amount for 2 years. Remember, families have until December 2021 to pay off their pledge and they may do so in a lump sum at any point in that two-year period.

Does your company match? Check out [THIS LIST](#) to see. If so, you can double your donation and matched dollars count toward incentives, like graduation perks and your family name on our Knights Wall of Fame! Questions? Call or email Sara Lay at 704/948-8600 x 1216 or slay@lncharter.org.



Class of 2020 Families

We have 10 theater boxes remaining for your son or daughter's graduation ceremony this spring at the Belk Theater and only 4 Card My Yard celebration displays left for your senior to share their big announcement of which college it will be! See all of the Class of 2020 incentives [HERE](#).

Class of 2021 Families

Due to the generosity of the parents in the Class of 2021, at this time, all theater boxes have been spoken for. We are beginning a wait list in case circumstances change over the next 18 months for any of our families. See all of the great Class of 2021 incentives [HERE](#).



Class of 2020 Top Seniors



Congratulations to the 2020 Top Seniors! These students, who were nominated by HS teachers, represent LNC's motto to lead, learn and serve every day in the classroom and with their extracurricular activities in the community. We are proud to honor them with a feature in the Yearbook and individually at Senior Award Night. This year's top seniors, pictured above (l-r) are: Teddy Dano, Kailee Queen, Roger Moore, Brady McKay, Anna Gartner and Ryan Titus. Well deserved!

Get Ready to Dance!



The 5th Annual MS Father/Daughter dance will be held on **Thursday, February 13** at Magnolia Woods: 12125 Statesville Rd, Huntersville from 6:30-8:30pm. [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets and [click here](#) to purchase your pictures for this fun-filled event! If you purchase tickets, please remember to join the Father/Daughter dance Schoolology 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 Schoolology Access Code is HBKBZ-95ZF4.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!!!! The ES PTO is rolling out the red carpet for our 3rd Annual Father/Daughter Dance! Please save the date for **Saturday, February 29** from 6:30-8:30pm in the HS Multipurpose Room for a "Star-Studded" night of food, fun, and of course dancing! Be on the lookout at the beginning of February for more details and ticket information. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to email espto@lncharter.org or maurabarnes80@gmail.com.

Board-led Committees - Global Diversity and Inclusion

The Global Diversity and Inclusion (GD&I) committee has been busy with many events and initiatives this year. Teachers and students at all three schools have been planning and participating in activities that help us expand our awareness, appreciation and understanding of different cultures and traditions.

At the ES, students participated in a random acts of kindness initiative where they opted to do kind things for others. Before the winter break, Ms. DeVoe also had her art students create ornaments representing students' unique cultures and traditions for display on a huge Diversity Tree. In April, the ES will host an anti-bullying presentation made available through a grant by the Arts Foundation.

At the MS, students continue to participate in monthly Drop Everything and Talk (DET) chats that provide resources and discussion questions about diversity-related topics. Our digital citizenship lessons have been revamped to incorporate more activities and conversations related to difference, social justice, bias and other similar topics. A group of MS teachers also attended a Facing History and Ourselves workshop about how to push back against antisemitism in modern times.

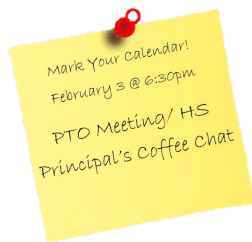
At the HS, the ELA department formed a partnership with the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice. About 100 students participated in a presentation about the Partisan Movement during WWII and then participated in follow up conversations about how words and beliefs can lead to biased and hateful acts. There will also be a women's panel in April, making this the second year students have the opportunity to attend this event. A group of HS teachers also plan to attend a workshop in February about incorporating GD&I-related activities into all subject areas.

Finally, we are hosting a school-wide Mix It Up At Lunch Day on February 19. Students at all three schools will change who they sit with during their lunch period and participate in activities before and after the event. Conversation prompts will be provided to get kids talking to peers with whom they might not interact on a regular basis.

LNC New Staff Members



We are excited to introduce two new staff members who recently joined the LNC family: Mrs. T'aaron Riggins as the newest HS Counselor (student assignments A-G) and Mr. Chris Gugliuzza as the new Assistant Facilities Director. Please help us in welcoming our newest staff, as we are excited to have them as part of the LNC family!



PTO Meeting/HS Principal's Coffee Chat

The PTO is a great way for parents to get involved with LNC! We invite you to join us at our next PTO meeting on Monday, February 3 at 6:30pm in the HS Multipurpose Room. This PTO meeting is combined with the February HS Principal's Coffee Chat. This is a great opportunity to come hear Mr. Smith and Mr. Funchess talk about the HS and also get your LNC PTO news at the same time.

Not able to make it in February? Please join us March 3 or April 6 for the last two PTO meetings of the 2019-2020 school year.

ES Moms Save the Date

Save the date April 5 for LNC ES first Mother/Daughter Brunch at Northstone Country Club. Please look for more information coming soon!

Did You Know That the PTO's Largest Fundraiser is the Lunch Program?

Thank you to all the moms, dads and grandparents who have helped us serve lunch from August until now. As you peek into your 2020 calendar, please don't forget to sign up to serve lunches at the ES, MS or HS for the second half of the school year. We are excited to provide lunch to our ES students five days a week starting in January but that means we need more help! Use the links below to sign-up to help serve lunches at LNC. Not only do you get to see your children at school and support the PTO's largest fundraiser, you also earn your Serve10 hours! Remember, you can volunteer at a school even if you don't have a student there – how many other elementary schools allow a sneak-peek of the middle school?

2020 volunteer opportunities open for all three campuses below:

[Click here](#) for HS Lunch Volunteer

[Click here](#) for MS Lunch Volunteer

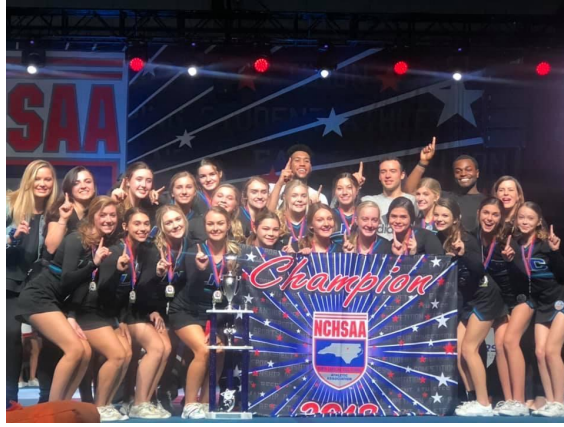
[Click here](#) for ES Lunch Volunteer



HS Cheerleaders Three-Peat as State Champs!

Congratulations to the LNC HS Cheer Team for winning the 2A State Championship: Taylor Blitstein ('23), Andie Bolser ('21), Aislin Collins ('22), Kayla Combs ('20), Megan Fox ('20), Krystyna Fylak ('20), Peyton Graham ('22), Emme Habel ('23), Alaina Kwiatkowski ('21), Meghan Morrow ('20), Lauren O'Shaughnessey ('20), Kailee Queen ('20), Sophia Thompson ('20), Diana Vick ('23), Ava Washington ('21), Jacquelyn Wignot ('21), Jenna Wike ('22), Sydney Young ('21).

For the first time in school history, the LNC cheer team will compete at the National High School Cheerleading Competition! Click this [video](#) to watch the state championship winning performance. Good luck Knights!



Fall All Conference Student Athletes

High School

Congratulations to the HS athletes named South Fork 2-A all conference players:

- **Women's XC** - Abby Farris ('21), Monique Gandy ('20), Anna Gartner ('20), Megan Wozniak ('22)
- **Men's XC** - Dwayne Holmon ('20), Grant Howlett ('21), Nick Lay ('21), Aidan Mutongi ('22)
- **Women's Golf** - Georgia Chapman ('22), Tess Palmer ('22)
- **Women's Tennis** - Alicia Bush ('21), Sidney Ross ('23)
- **Volleyball** - Pearce Augier ('20), Liberty Harris ('20), Makayla Martin ('20)
- **Football** - Jaden Goodman ('20), Jeff Womack ('21)
- **Men's Soccer** - Adam Eichman ('20), Brandon Webster ('20)

Looking for Bus Drivers with CDL

We are reaching out to the LNC community in search of bus drivers for our spring sports season which starts mid-February. Through Invest in Excellence and parent participation, LNC purchased 4 buses this summer and now we are in need of drivers to transport our middle and high school students to their sporting events. If you or someone you know is interested in driving this spring, please contact Athletic Director, Matt Schlegel (mschelegel@lncharter.org) for more information. All drivers must already have their school bus CDL with endorsements and will receive compensation per ride.

Spring Sports Tryouts and Registration

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. Your student will also need to be registered through the new online Family ID. Click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions about your student's eligibility for spring sports click [here](#). Good luck Knights!

Athletic Boosters Club Reminder

It is not too late to become an LNC Booster! Your Booster membership gets your family into all regular season home LNC sporting events free and this includes the upcoming spring sports too. Click [here](#) for more information on memberships and season passes.

Athletic Results

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

Athletic Calendar

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

LNCHARTER PRESENTS

LNC Band Get a New Name

The LNC Pep Band is now named Knight Watch. After two rounds of voting and a close decision, the students got their new name! Come see the Knight Watch play during their next event, Concert on the Green, May 14, 2020.

LNC Theatre Department News

Mr. Willets and ten of LNC's juniors and seniors will be traveling to Louisville, KY February 25 - March 1 for the strongest and broadest network of theatre practitioners in the United States; SETC (Southeastern Theatre Conference). There, they will be auditioning and presenting their technical theatre portfolios for over 166 college representatives, attending workshops, hearing from keynote speakers, observing theatrical performances and much more. We are in hopes that these students will receive scholarships towards a college or university of choice. If you would like more information please visit www.setc.org or email Mr. Willets at cwillets@lncharter.org. Good luck Knights!

HS Band and Chorus Concert

The HS band and choral students preformed in December at their annual holiday concert. Great job to all the

students who participated in this wonderful evening and thank you to Mr. Scaringelli and Mr. McSwain for all your hard work.



Knight Watch



Chorus Students



Band Students

MS Band and Chorus Concert

In December, both 5th-8th grade band and chorus students performed in their annual winter concerts. Congratulations to the students for all their hard work through the first half of the school year. The music was excellent and the musicians truly shone.

CHARTER ALUMNI

A big shout-out of thanks to our 40+ LNC alumni who came out earlier this month for our annual Alumni Lunch and Panel. As always, the advice and insight that our Charter alumni provide our senior class is invaluable and we appreciate their time! As we graduate more classes, our alumni are graduating from college and advancing in their careers so our seniors are now learning about career-life after college as well! Thank you to Mrs. LeighAnn Williams for her leadership in Alumni Relations.



KNIGHTS of HONOR

HIGH SCHOOL

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students are selected by their teachers for displaying good character, exceptional effort, a positive attitude and performing acts of service.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

NOVEMBER



Left to right: Ashlynn Mayfield (Integrity), Isabella Lairmore (Responsibility), Mr. Smith, Colton Dryman (Respect) and Emma Rhines (Responsibility).



Left to right: Sean Parrish, Braylon Irelan, Lydia Chambers, Dr. Graham, Quinn Clark, Kennedy Williams and Javon Taylor.



Left to right: Kamari Ennis, Olivia Short, Ms. Holland, Easton Pritchard, Drew Lehmer, Colton Palladino, Ms. Latza and Judah Buzzard.

DECEMBER



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Left to right - back row: Miah Garcia, Bella DeLorenzo, Dr. Graham, Amelia Varghese, Joanne Bernard, Jake Viole and (front row) Morgan Schulenberg and Tessa Rosenberg.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Left to right: Isobel Barnes, Ms. Latza, Malia Austin, Cameron Weeks, Audrey Rogers, Sura Alazizi and Ms. Holland.

KNIGHTLY NEWS FLASH

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



Souper Bowl of Caring

49ers Fan? Chiefs fan? We know you are all looking forward to the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 2!

Please help the fifth grade students "tackle" hunger with our own Souper Bowl of Caring! Score a few touchdowns by sending in cans and other non-perishable goods for our annual food drive. Food donations will be given to Huntersville Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry to feed needy families right here in our own community! Last year we collected 1,615lbs of food, enough to feed 160 local families. It takes a team.....

You have not missed your chance to help! This drive will continue till **Monday, February 3**. Bring in your cans and help us reach our GOAL!

MS Homework Math Help!

Are you the parent of a MS student and do NOT know how to help them with their math homework? Have you ever thought you needed to go back to school to learn what the students today learn? If so, MS parents are invited to join us for a night that will give you some strategies to make math homework easier for everyone.



We will meet in the MS Media Center Thursday, February 27 at 6:00pm. RSVP using [this link](#). Your RSVP will ensure you receive email about this event as well as support materials.

Lottery Application for Siblings Is Open

TODAY is the last day to complete the lottery application for the LNC 2020-2021 school year. LNC families who have a child who is NOT currently enrolled but who would like to attend LNC next school year (2020-2021) in grades K-12 can apply.

The lottery application is available [here](#) or on the homepage of the LNC website at 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 about the



Inclement Weather Policy

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 do not file for each student, along with posting any information to the LNC2P groups on Schoology. Please note that we do not contact the local news stations in the event that school remains open.

If you need to update your student's contact information, please click [here](#) and do so immediately.

LNC Math Team

Congrats to the **LNC 5th grade Math team** for a brilliant run in the AreteLab Math Madness tournament. They took 2nd place losing a close battle in the Championship Finals (43-41) to Kimberly Lane Elementary out of Plymouth, MN. The team included Joanna Arulijeeva, Aiswarya Arulprakasam, Ji Baiyin, Isaac Grinberg, Elliot James, Pranati Kakani, Hitee Kakarla, Ethan Kidney, Rohan Manargudi, Rian Patel, Tanvi Prabhu, Luke Rossi, Pranika Senthil, Ritika Shah, Amelia Varghese, Alisha Varshney and Aarush Yelimeli. Kudos to the entire team as they have pushed each other all year long. Thank you to Dr. Kendrick for your leadership and knowledge you give to the students.



More MS Math News:

Congrats to Nikhil Sampath who earned 1st place honors at our school on the AMC 8. In addition, his score of 24 earned him Distinction Honor Roll which is the top 1% in the nation. Also, kudos to Julian Grinberg (score of 22) and Aaron Wang (score of 20) for making the Honor Roll which is the top 5% in the Nation. Additionally, congrats to Aaron Wang (6th grader) and Ji Baiyin (5th grader) for earning Certificates of Achievement for being students in grades 6 and below who scored over a 15.

8th Grade Photo

Thank you to everyone who has emailed their 8th grader's Kindergarten/1st grade photo for our celebration slideshow. If you are one of the families who have still not sent in a photo please take a moment and email the photo to amyfuller2001@gmail.com. If you aren't able to email, please send the photo to school with your kiddo and have them take it to Ms. Stone. The photos will be handled with care and returned promptly. Please feel free to reach out with any questions and we appreciate everyone taking time to help complete this project.



MS Spelling Bee

After 8 rounds, and correctly spelling words like Lascaux and transmute, Nikhil Sampath won the opportunity to represent Lake Norman Charter for the THIRD

process, please contact Ms. Sue Scott, ES Registrar, at lottery@lncharter.org.



Say Something App

This month LNC introduced the "Say Something" app to our 6th-12th grade students. Students were given training on how to appropriately use the app and how to install the app on their school-issued technology as well as their personal devices if applicable and parent-desired. If you have any questions about the app, please visit the [Sandy Hook Promise website](#).



Safety Town

Do you have a kindergartner coming to LNC in the fall? If so, our very own Safety Resource Officer Bononno



would like to invite your child to attend Safety Town. In Safety Town we build a small town complete with roadways, traffic signs and a working traffic light. Students learn the rules of the road and get to ride tricycles around the town for half of their day. The other half of the day is spent learning something from our guest speakers from the fire department, train safety, animal control, Gus the Bus and many others.

Safety Town will be held at the LNC ES gym this summer over two weeks, June 15-18 and June 22-25. Click [here](#) if you would like to apply for your child to attend!

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

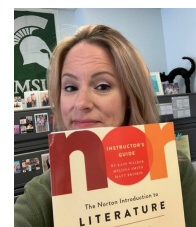
Congratulations to the students on the LNCharter honor roll for the second quarter, 2019-2020 school year.

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

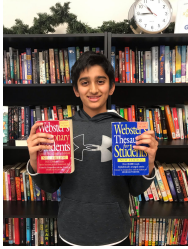


Mrs. Melissa Smith Is Published

Congratulations to LNC's own HS English Teacher, Melissa Smith, for becoming a published author. Ms. Smith's collaborative work with other educators around the nation is an excellent example that passion and determination are keys to achieving individual goals.



We look forward to sharing the link to our LNC community once this book is available later this year.



year in a row at the regional spelling bee.

Nikhil represented LNC in the Regional Spelling Bee on January 29. Nikhil came in second place out of 13 competitors. Congratulations to Nikhil and all our spellers!

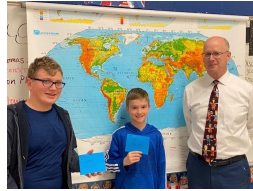
5th Grade DARE Graduation

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



MS Geography Bee

The 2020 LNC Geography Bee winner is 8th grader Sam Harper who, after several rounds of fierce competition, was the last student standing!



Congratulations to second place winner, 5th grader, TJ Pacitto and all the contestants who made it to the LNC final competition! Good luck to Sam as he moves on to the state qualifying test.

Pictured above (l-r): Sam Harper, TJ Pacitto and Mr. Graham (6th grade SS teacher)

NCSSM Summer Opportunities

Summer Accelerator is a summer program created by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics for exceptional rising 5th-12th grade students. Participating students are introduced to exciting topics to encourage their interests in STEM concepts. For more information on the summer program click [here](#).

Senior Half-Way There Luncheon

In December the Class of 2020 celebrated being "half way" through their senior year with lunch. Thank you to all the parents who made this celebration possible!



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!



Welcome to the Family

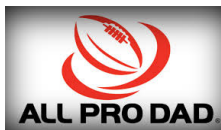
Congratulations to HS Social Studies teacher David Broome on his wedding in December. We welcome David's new wife Connie to the LNC family!



HS Counseling Newsletter

Check out this quarter's HS Counseling newsletter to learn the latest about what your HS student should be doing NOW to prepare for college!

<https://www.smores.com/uzac3>



All Pro Dad

This is a great opportunity for the 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 second Friday of each month

LNC in Pictures

Click [here](#) to see what students, parents and staff are doing at LNC this month.

Knights in the News

[Can the 'Knightmare' help Lake Norman Charter past East Lincoln?](#)

[LNC wins South Fork swimming](#)

[Knights on top of South Fork with Reed as 'floor general'](#)

[LNC wins first conference game of season](#)

[LNC volleyball, XC athletes shine](#)

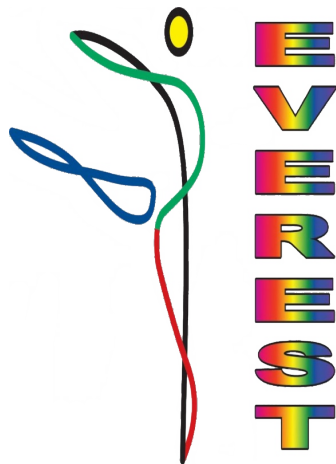
[PHOTOS: Lake Norman Charter vs. East Lincoln basketball](#)

Save The Dates

Check the [school calendar](#) at www.lncharter.org for information on upcoming school holidays, E-Learning days, end of year celebrations and other events at LNC.

LNC Knights Around Town

3rd and 4th Grade Service Project to Movement Charter School



EVEREST GYMNASTICS offers both a competitive gymnastics program and recreations classes. It is also a fun and unique venue for birthday parties, parents night out and your special event.

Visit their website at www.everest-gym.com



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