

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

Winter Break

Wednesday, December 21 is a half-day of school for all students. High school students will dismiss at 11:15am and middle school will dismiss at 11:30am. School is closed for winter break from Thursday, December 22, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the 2016-2017 school year calendar.

2017-2018 Lottery Applications for Siblings

IMPORTANT reminder for LNC families who have a child who is NOT currently enrolled but who would like to attend LNC next school year (2017-2018) in grades K-2 and 5-12: Please make sure to complete a lottery application by January 31, 2017. We have a link to the lottery application [here](#) and on our website at www.lncharter.org under Quick Links. 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 process, please contact Ms. Sue Scott, LNC registrar, at lottery@lncharter.org.

PTO Holiday Gifting Program

To Our LNC Families from Your PTO:

We want to update you on the Gift Giving campaign and let you know we are extending our cut-off date for donations. Presently, our Gift Giving campaign in both the high school and middle school are less than half of what has been donated in previous years. We understand some of you have your own gift giving plans, this is just another option to consider during the busy holiday season - let us do the shopping for you and consider us your holiday elves!

Please remember that 100% of all donations are divided equally among the staff at both our middle school and high school, as designated by your PayPal request. We are excited about gifting to all of our middle school and high school staff and administration members who have so generously contributed to all the facets of our children's education and time at LNC.

If you wish to donate, we urge you to do so by **Friday, December 9**. Online donations thru PayPal button can be made through [this link](#).

If you are interested in taking part in this gifting program but do not wish to use PayPal, you can send your contribution in an envelope to the office of either school. We accept cash or checks made payable to the LNC PTO. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact MS coordinator Noreen Soos at Noreen.sos@yahoo.com or HS Coordinator Molly Purser at thepursers@yahoo.com.

First Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the students on the [Honor Roll](#) for the first quarter, 2016-2017 school year.

Welcome Office Bonnono

December 8, 2016



STRATEGIC AREA OF FOCUS

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Our HS College Counseling Department has been busy this first semester! Please take a moment to read our update, including our exciting plans for next semester.

We continue to see positive effects from our first annual College Fair last fall. Not only did the College Fair provide a convenient opportunity to our students, it also helped us continue to build relationships with colleges. As college representatives continue to become acquainted with our school and caliber of graduates, the LNC brand builds, which helps future LNC grads.

Second, we have more ways than ever for you to stay connected with us. Please be sure to read our periodic newsletter, the College Corner, join the College Counseling [Schoolology](#) group (access code: 6RPFJ-KJVZQ) and follow the College Counseling Twitter account, @LNCCollegeCS.

Next, we have been in contact with Junior Achievement (JA) about the possibility of implementing a Personal Finance component within one of our high school math courses. These early conversations could result in either bringing a JA representative into the classroom or having one of our teachers trained by JA. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of offering off-campus visits for our students to experience a day in a field of interest through JA. Please stay tuned to see what develops.

Thanks to parent support of Invest in Excellence which resulted in the expansion of our 5-12 counseling model, our high school counselors are currently meeting with 10th graders individually rather than in groups,

We are happy to welcome Officer Bonnono as our School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Bonnono is an officer on the Huntersville Police force, assigned to Lake Norman Charter. Last spring we applied for a grant to help fund this position and we received word earlier this school year that the grant application was approved. We are pleased to have an officer on the scene in the event of an emergency and are also excited about the potential education and mentoring opportunities that Officer Bonnono's presence will bring.



We expect Officer Bonnono to quickly become a familiar face at both schools as he will be directing our carpool traffic, both in the morning and afternoon, as well as providing coverage at some of our sporting events. His presence will also allow us to better collaborate with HPD and consider implementing additional student safety programs. We are looking forward to partnering with Officer Bonnono to further our number one priority which is student and campus security.

2017-2018 School Year Calendar

At its December meeting, the LNC Board approved the calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The calendar is available [here](#).

Student attendance is very important throughout the school year, especially the first week of school and for important tests including high school midterms and final exams, and middle school EOG's. These dates are on the calendar, which is provided well in advance of the 2017-2018 school year. Please schedule travel plans around these critical dates.

The Deadline to Order Lunches is Monday, December 12

The lunch order period is now open at www.orgsonline.com for lunches served January 3 to February 3, 2017. All lunches must be placed and paid for by **11:59pm on Monday, December 12**. No late orders can be accepted.

Middle School lunch volunteers, please sign up to help distribute lunches at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaea728a2fb6-middle1>. This is a great way to see the students, network with other LNC parents and help with the largest PTO fundraiser. No experience and no hairnet needed!! If you have any questions about the MS ordering process, please email Anitha Yasa at msslunches@lncharter.org.

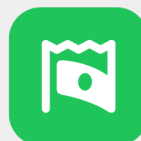
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Calling All LNC Alumni!

Our LNC alumni are cordially invited to a luncheon and discussion panel on Wednesday, January 4 at the High School. The luncheon will begin at 12:15pm and the discussion panel will immediately follow where we invite our alumni to share their college and career experiences with our senior class. Any alumni planning to attend should RSVP using [this link](#). We look forward to visiting with our former students on January 4!

Do You Shoparoo?

Shoparoo is school fundraising made easy! This free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yes, it's that simple. No more cutting labels, selling door to door, or time-consuming coordinating. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of your receipts with the app, and voila - Just shop, snap, earn! Get started today:



1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Select Lake Norman Charter School from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts - shop anywhere, buy anything!
3. Select a grade to support and watch how quickly your points stack up against other grades- there's even a status board on the site to see who is leading in their support of LNC!

allowing for a more personal and productive meeting. Our counselors immediately noticed the effects of "getting to know the students better" and expect to see long-term benefits.

Lastly, this year our counselors have been able to take advantage of off-campus counselor breakfasts, which provide both valuable information and improved connections with other schools. Having additional counselors on staff allow them to take advantage of these beneficial opportunities.

The College Counseling Department wishes our families a safe and fun holiday break and hopes our students return in January rested and recharged for a successful second semester!



QUICK LINKS

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SCHOOL SPONSOR**

There's no limit to how much money we can raise with Shoparoo - the more supporters, the more we will raise for our school. Schools with just 40 supporters are earning an average of \$1,000 every year. That's free, easy money that we could be fundraising too!! Check out shoparoo.com to learn more about this awesome app! Thank you for your support!

Christmas Parade!

LNC students decorated a float and, accompanied by the LNC Knight Riders, participated in the Christmas in Davidson parade. There are more pictures from the parade on our [This Week in Pictures](#) webpage. Thank you to Rural Hill Farm and Crane's Custom Renovations for partnering with us.



Builders' Club Toy Drive

The LNC Builders' Club is sponsoring a school-wide toy drive to benefit the children who attend the Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen Annual Christmas Party. The age range for new toys is 2 years old to 12 years old. If you would like to participate, please drop your unwrapped toy either at the HS office or in the big, black bin located in the hallway near the MS office between now and December 16. Thank you very much!



This Week in Pictures

See what our students, teachers, parents and staff are doing on campus at [This Week in Pictures](#).

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HS Exams

High school mid-term exams will be held December 16 to 21, 2016. Please remind your students to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school prepared for testing each day. High school students will be dismissed at 11:15am on



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McDonalds at Bryton Center is located just a mile down the road from LNC at 16835 Old Statesville Road and is pleased to be an LNC sponsor!

The dining room is open daily from 5:00 AM-11:00 PM and the drive-thru is there to serve you 24 hours a day.

Stop in before school for a hot breakfast and a latte from McCafe, on your way home from school for a cool treat or after the game for a tasty late night sandwich that is sure to hit the spot!

UPCOMING EVENTS

In **DECEMBER** we celebrate **Inclusive Schools**



December 10

HS Winter formal, 8:00pm (HS MPR)

December 12

Deadline to order lunches, 11:59pm
(lunches served 1/3/17-2/3/17)

December 14 & 15

5th-7th grade MAP testing, 8:00am

December 15

PTO cookie walk for staff

December 18-20

HS exams, 7:45am
HS students dismiss @ 11:15am

December 21

HS exams, 7:45am
HS dismiss @ 11:15am

MS pajama day
MS dismiss @ 11:30am

all testing days.

We would like to remind our families of the importance of student attendance on their scheduled exam day and time. The exam schedule is designed for maximum student success, giving our teachers time to review and students time to study. In the past we have found that students who have needed to take the exams early or postpone the exams until January do not perform as well. With that in mind, please do not schedule travel plans during exams.

Senior Tributes in the HS Yearbook

Attention families of seniors: the deadline to order a tribute to your graduating student in the yearbook is Friday, December 16. Please use [this link](#) to create your tribute!

Families of Seniors: Mark Your Calendar for These Important Dates!

This is an exciting year in the life of your senior and you don't want to miss these important events:

- **Friday, December 16:** Senior Half-way There Lunch after midterms in the MPR; Yearbook Senior tributes due
- **Thursday, February 23-Sunday, February 26:** Senior Trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida
- **Tuesday, May 16:** Senior Awards Night
- **Friday, June 2:** Graduation Rehearsal, 9:00am at The Park Church (6029 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte)
- **Saturday, June 3:** Graduation, 9:00am at The Park Church (6029 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte)

Class of
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Senior Half-way There Lunch

Senior Parents,

It's hard to believe, but our seniors are almost half way through their senior year! We are going to celebrate with a half-way-there luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Friday, December 16 at 11:15am in the MPR. This is immediately following mid-term exams for that day.

We are offering a variety of food items on the menu, including: pasta, tacos, sub sandwiches, salad, fruit, desserts and drinks. Almost 100% of the luncheon items are donated by parents, so we really need your help! Please feel free to sign up for more than one item. We also need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please use [this link](#) to sign up.

- All menu items should be delivered to the HS office by 10:45am on Friday, 12/16. Hot items need to be ready to serve.
- We would prefer items in "throw away" containers. Be sure to label your items if it needs to be returned.
- You can place refrigerated items labeled "senior lunch" in the office refrigerator.
- If your dish is "gluten-free," please label it for those with gluten allergies.
- Please avoid using nuts in the baked goods for those who have nut allergies.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Napier at kdnapier@bellsouth.net.

The Roundtable

Please check out the December issue of our student newspaper, the [Roundtable](#).

End of 2nd quarter

December 22-January 2

Winter break

[More upcoming events](#)

[2016-2017 calendar](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

5th-7th Grade MAP Testing

Students in 5th, 6th and 7th grades will be testing the mornings of Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15. We are asking for your help in ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and is on time for school each morning as we will begin testing by 8:15am. Please remind your child to take the test seriously and to do his/her best work.

The MAP is an online test and therefore **your student's iPad is essential** in order to complete the test. Please make sure that both **your student's iPad and**

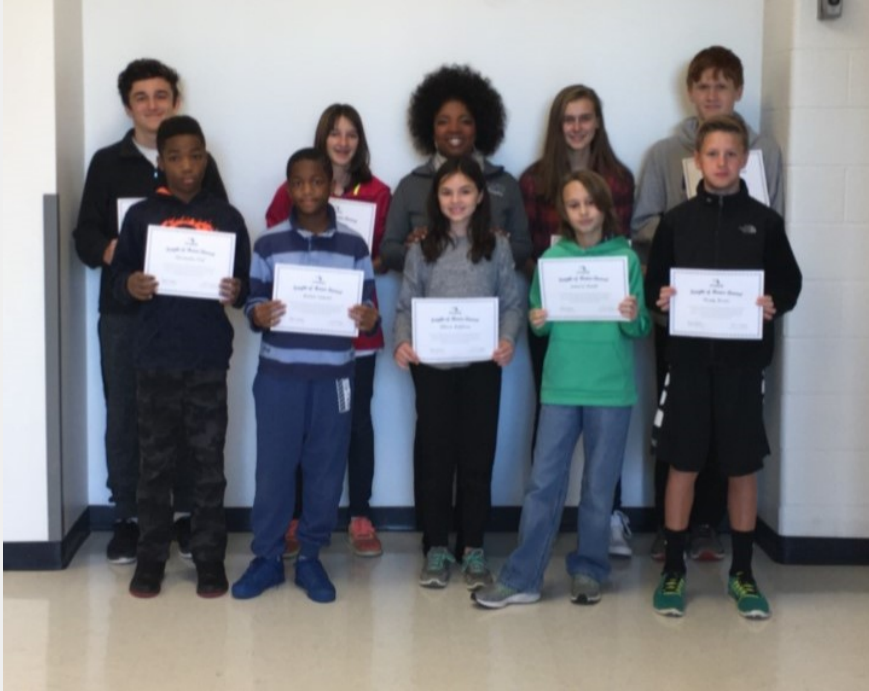
keyboard case are fully-charged and that your child brings his or her iPad to school both days. We do not have enough loaners to provide to students who forget their iPads and there will be no test make-ups.

As always, we appreciate your partnership with us in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Graham at cgraham@Incharter.org.

MS Knights of Honor

Congratulations to the December winners of the Knights of Honor award! These students were nominated by their teachers because they have shown good character and positive attitude and completed acts of service or other honorable behaviors.

Congratulations to back row: Aidan Galu, Marissa Sorvillo, Dr. Graham, Kaylin Creel, Dayton Lewis. Front row: Chris Peal, Marlon Samuels, Ally Hoffman, Jamison Bedell, Brady Kester. Not pictured: Amber Smith and Amias Williams



Congratulations to Our Math Team!

Congratulations to Jacob Grinberg who took 6th place and Bhargav Vaduri who took 9th place at the inaugural Charlotte Math Competition held at Community House Middle School this weekend. This an awesome feat because they battled against 72 other mathletes in the region. Also, a special shoutout to the team of Mason McElroy, Sean Huynh, Jeeya Shah, and Nikhil Sampath who took 7th out of 18 teams at the competition!

Attention 8th Grade Parents

There will be a Recognition Ceremony meeting on January 13 at 9:40 in room 802. This is for any parents who would like to help us plan and execute the end of year ceremony and activities for your 8th grade students.

It's that time of year when we are calling for all 8th grade students to send in a kindergarten or first grade picture to be used in our end of the year slide show. You may send digital pictures to cstone@Incharter.org. If you have a hard copy, we will scan it and return it to your child. Please DO NOT send baby pictures. We only want close up shots of the student at age 5 or 6. These can be candid shots as well as school pictures.

Father/Daughter Dance - A Knight to Remember

This year's middle school father/ daughter dance is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Magnolia Woods, just around the corner from LNC. Tickets are being sold now on the [LNC PayPal Portal](#). A father/daughter ticket is \$26 per couple with options for photos. Don't miss out on a magical night!



Lake Norman Charter School presents
A Knight To Remember
Father and Daughter Dance



Thursday, January 26th, 2017
Magnolia Woods
7-9 pm
portraits begin at 6:30

Faculty Cookie Walk



MS Families! It's time for the annual Faculty Cookie Walk! Do you love to bake? Then here's your chance to fix some holiday yummys! Grab your apron and make 2 dozen of your favorite baked goods. Perhaps you have a special function you're making a desert for and you can easily double the recipe! This event is always highly anticipated by our LNC teachers and staff and is a simple but loving way to show our appreciation for their hard work. Sign up [here](#) to bake/make or help serve.

2017 Winter Cheer Clinic

January 21, 2017 for grades K-8 from 8:30 am to noon in the HS MPR. Click [here](#) for information and a registration form.

Holiday Basketball Camp

LNCharter Coach Williams and LNC Knights HS Players are hosting their top-rated 3-day basketball camp for kids in grades K-8 on December 22-24. Camp runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day and is held at the LNC HS gym. Click [here](#) for the flyer and registration form.



ATHLETICS NEWS

[Knights in the News:](#)

[This Week's Athletic Results](#)



If you have photos of our MS & HS athletes in action, please email them to slay@Incharter.org and mjoseph@Incharter.org for placement on our social media, website and Knights News.



Click here to view the [Knights News](#) at www.Incharter.org

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