

SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS

November and December School Holiday Breaks

Tuesday, November 22 is a half-day of school for all students. High school will dismiss at 11:15am and middle school will dismiss students at 11:30am. School is closed Wednesday through Friday, November 23-25, 2016.

Wednesday, December 21 is also 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.

LNC Earned an "A!"

Have you seen our 2015-2016 NC State School Report Card? We earned an "A!" Click [here](#) to see the report card.

PTO Holiday Gifting Program

The holiday season is upon us and the PTO is offering the Holiday Gifting Program for our HS and MS staff members once again this year. Each year our program has become a great success with your contributions to all the staff members responsible for our children's education. We will be gifting to ALL our staff members equally, catering to their individual favorites. A [Paypal link](#) has been created and is found in Quick Links on the [LNC home page](#). Please remember to designate high school or middle school. If no designation is made, your donation will be split among both schools. This is a completely voluntary program.

The deadline for donations is Thursday, December 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact MS coordinator, Noreen Soos at Noreen.soos@yahoo.com or HS Molly Purser at thepursers@yahoo.com.

Board of Directors Meeting

The LNC Board of Directors is meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00pm in the MS media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Use Amazon Smile While Holiday Shopping!

You can get some extra bang for your buck when shopping on Amazon.com and also earn money for LNC. The AmazonSmile program will contribute 0.5% of all eligible purchases to LNC. It's easy to get started: Go to Smile.Amazon.com and select "Lake Norman Charter School PTO" as your charitable organization. Shop and check out as you normally would and the contribution will be made to LNC.

November 17, 2016



QUICK LINKS

[LNC Website](#)

[LNC Lottery](#)

[MS + HS Tour Information](#)

[Donate to LNC - Invest in Excellence](#)

[LNC Employment Opportunities](#)

[PTO Staff Holiday Gifting Program](#)

[LNC PayPal Portal](#)

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[Lunch Program](#)

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[Student Handbook](#)

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STRATEGIC AREA OF FOCUS

LEADERSHIP

"Together we learn, lead and serve" is LNC's motto and as a college preparatory school, it is important that we provide opportunities and expect that our students live our motto in their daily lives. For the 2016-2017 school year, the Living Our Mission Committee is exploring best practices in teaching leadership skills with a goal of proposing a more cohesive leadership program at LNC for our K-12 students. We are striving to enhance our organic leadership program by developing a newly

#StartWithaSmile at smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2169175 for your holiday gifts and Amazon donates to Lake Norman Charter School PTO.



Book Donations For Elementary School Media Center

Have your kids grown up way too fast? Making room for holiday gifts? If you have gently used and like-new books for children (kindergarten through fourth grade) that you want to part with, please consider helping start our media center and classroom libraries at the elementary campus. We will be seeking donations of books once we are in our building later this spring. We appreciate you hanging on a little bit longer to those books knowing that in a few months they will be dropped off and out of your storage. Your books will be enjoyed by our youngest LNC Knights for years to come! We will communicate next spring when we are ready to take your book donations. Thank you for your patience.



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!

T'Was The Night Before Christmas...

The LNC Float and Marching Band will be in the Christmas in Davidson Parade on December 3, 2016. Our kids have been working very hard on the float and they are excited to be in the parade. We have one small issue though; we need a **TRAILER**.

If you have flat bed trailer or a large one with sides and would like to earn your Serve10 hours, this is your opportunity! Please contact Mrs. Thomas at dthomas@lncharter.org.

This Week in Pictures

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

personalized approach for our students. This leadership program will extend to all of students. Elementary principal, Michelle Holland, has been actively involved in structuring an elementary leadership component that will be the precursor to the middle and high school program. It is important that LNC's motto resonate throughout all grades and that we build a foundation that will give our students invaluable life skills as they take their next steps. The Committee looks forward to presenting a leadership program to the Board that will support the development of students who display the quality characteristics of an [LNC Graduate](#).

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL SPONSOR

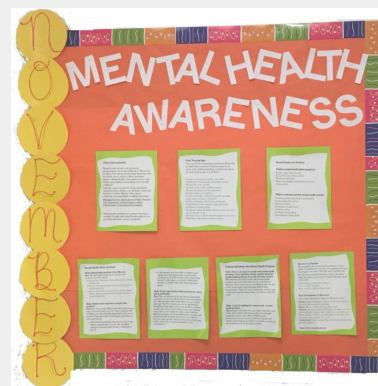


With us
it's simple.

Ana Sturt, LNC parent and Lake Realty realtor, will provide you with the best service during the buying and selling process. Put her expertise in the Lake Norman market to work to find the perfect home for you and your family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER is
Mental Health Awareness
Month**



November 22
MS Pajama day (pay in MS carpool)

Half-day for students

WE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

LNC volunteers are a pillar of our school! A huge THANK YOU to all of our parents who volunteered in any capacity so far this 2016-2017 school year. A special recognition to the following volunteers who have reached Serve 10 milestones this past month. Click [here](#) for information about our Serve 10 program.

10 Hours

Lynn Coleman
Dorothea Mbote
Julie Nutter
Renee Tubbs
Adriane Jackson
Lori Pasewaldt

Kim Montalbano
Elaine Freeman
Charlotte Stechmiller
Lesley Haynes
Rae Fitzsimmons
Christine Kneubuehl

Tracy Fender
Jennifer Kirby
Anne Fell Yampolsky
Eva Xiong
Kim Ackary
Anna Blackwelder
Sarah Gore
Melveda McDowell

Rusty Bielefeld
Elizabeth Gustafson
Ridgely Chapman
Sierra Macfarlane
Christin Stallard
Jackie Pehan
Stephanie Womack
Maliek Holcomb

50 Hours

Molly Purser
Candace Williams
Sarah Cannon
Lynne Reinstadtler

100 Hours

Anitha Yasa

HS dismisses @ 11:15am
MS dismisses @ 11:30am

November 23-25

School holiday

November 30

New lunch order period opens
(lunches served 1/3/17-2/3/17)

December 1

Board of Directors meeting, 7:00p
(MS media center)

December 8

All Pro Dads meeting, 7:00am (MS
cafetorium)

MS/HS Chorus concert, 7:00pm
(HS MPR)

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

End of 2nd quarter

December 22-January 2

Winter break

[More upcoming events](#)

[2016-2017 calendar](#)

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MS. STEINBECKER

"At LNC I have the freedom
to be creative and step
outside of the curriculum to
teach my students."

This is Ms. Steinbecker's fourth year teaching 7th grade social studies at Lake Norman Charter. Originally from Missouri, Ms. Steinbecker moved to North Carolina shortly after graduating from Lindenwood University with degrees in history and middle through secondary education. The social studies curriculum in 7th grade encompasses the Renaissance period through modern history. That could be a daunting amount of history to teach 7th grade students, however that is where Ms.

Steinbecker appreciates the flexibility to go beyond the curriculum to study and discuss current events that tie to history and that 13-year-olds can relate to and learn from. For example, each Friday... [Read More](#)



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Second Quarter Halfway Point

We have reached the halfway point of the second quarter which means it is time to log into [Schoolology](#) and check your student's academic progress. The last day of this quarter is Wednesday, December 21.

If you have not yet established a parent account in Schoolology, you can do so by following the steps outlined below. As you know, we send a reminder at the midpoint of each quarter and ask you to review your student's grades. Also, if you have not yet joined the *Parent 2 Parent Group* on [Schoolology](#), we highly recommend doing so as it is an important informational source for parents. The code to join is **2MB34-KX3ZB**.

To Set-up a Parent Account:

1. Go to www.schoolology.com
2. Click Sign Up
3. Click Parent
4. Enter Access Code
5. If you have multiple children, in the new account created with your first child, click the drop down arrow on the right side of the screen and click "Add Child."
6. Enter the next child's code
7. Repeat as necessary.

Leadership Opportunity

NewGen Peacebuilders is a Leadership Development program coming to LNC to train students in global peacebuilding strategies. Twenty-five high school students will be selected to participate in the program, a series of 6 workshops that will take place from December-April. For more information and to apply for the program, please have your HS student visit the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/rlinkgQC1ali6gXq2>

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Second Quarter Halfway Point

We have reached the halfway point of the second quarter which means it is time to log into [Schoology](#) and check your student's academic progress. The last day of this quarter is Wednesday, December 21.

If you have not yet established a parent account in Schoology, you can do so by following the steps outlined below. As you know, we send a reminder at the midpoint of each quarter and ask you to review your student's grades. Also, if you have not yet joined the *Parent 2 Parent Group* on [Schoology](#), we highly recommend doing so as it is an important informational source for parents. The code to join is **2MB34-KX3ZB**.

To Set-up a Parent Account:

1. Go to www.schoology.com
2. Click Sign Up
3. Click Parent
4. Enter Access Code
5. If you have multiple children, in the new account created with your first child, click the drop down arrow on the right side of the screen and click "Add Child."
6. Enter the next child's code
7. Repeat as necessary.

For questions related to this process, please email Sara Danckaert at sdanckaert@Incharter.org.

8th/9th Grade PSAT

We will be administering the PSAT 8/9 to our 8th grade students on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. The PSAT 8/9 is a nationally-normed test designed for 8th and 9th grade students and provides our 8th graders with several benefits, including exposure/practice for the SAT that they will take as juniors and important feedback on their current areas of strengths and weaknesses. This information is highly valuable and will help guide course decisions for high school which our 8th grade students will be making in March. For those reasons, we highly recommend all our 8th graders take the test.

For more information about the PSAT 8/9, check out [this link](#). To register/pay, click [here](#). The cost is \$10.75 and payment is due November 22.

Health Room is Running Low on Some Supplies

While you are out shopping for your holiday supplies, please consider picking up a few of the following supplies for the health room:

- Tissues
- Feminine products (tampons and thin pads)
- Short cans of soda (ginger ale, cola, lemon-lime)
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls

Thank you for your help!

All Pro Dads Meeting

The next meeting of All Pro Dads is Thursday, December 8. All MS dads and their kids are invited to this quick, before-school breakfast and a 45-minute program of fatherhood and family topics beginning at 7:00am in the MS cafeteria. Please RSVP with your breakfast order by **December 1** to

<https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3967>. Please

be prepared to pay in cash (\$3 per meal) on the morning of the breakfast. Bojangles breakfast choices are: sausage biscuit, chicken biscuit or Bo Berry biscuit and coffee, water or OJ. Click here for the [flyer](#).



ATHLETICS NEWS

Knights in the News:

[More perfection: LNC wins 3rd straight 2A title](#)

[LNC returns top scorers from 22-win team](#)

[Athletic teams post stellar performances to end season](#)

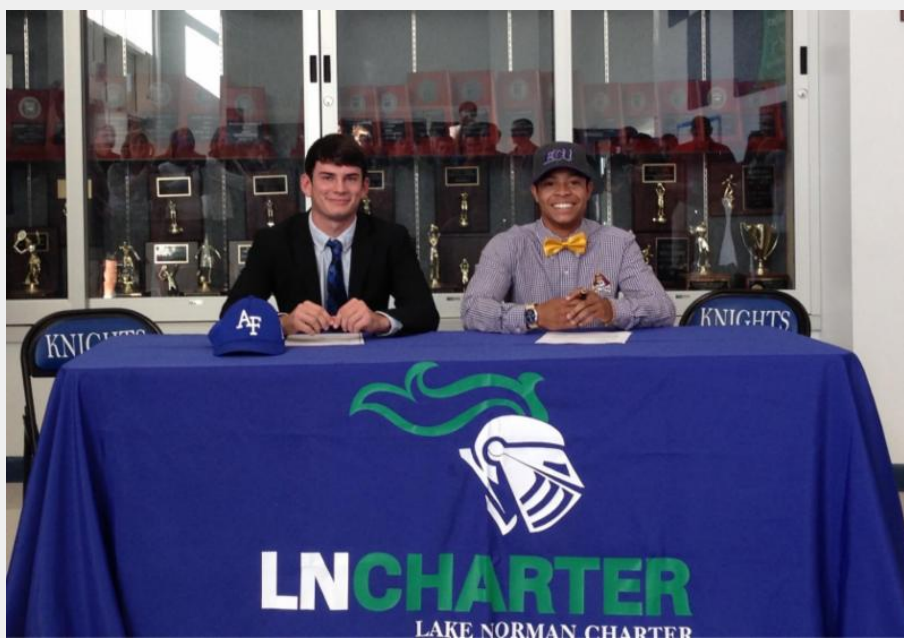
[Lake Norman Charter extends win streak, captures third straight NC dual-team tennis title](#)

[Charlotte Observer Sweet 16 countdown: Lake Norman Charter](#)

This Week's Athletic Results



Congratulations to the HS women's tennis team who are the 2A State champs for the 3rd year in a row!



Congratulations to two LNC student-athletes as they sign their National Letters of Intent to play at the next level. Daniel Alperi (United States Air Force Academy) and Jeremy Whitehead (East Carolina University) have committed to play baseball at their selected schools.



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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