



**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**



**LNC earns an "A" on our North Carolina state report card!**

### **Superintendent Says**



Welcome to LNC for the 2019-2020 school year! Many of you are aware that we just celebrated our 20th anniversary, which in the charter school world is a monumental achievement, especially considering all the recognition and student successes that have occurred during that time. How did we get here? As I reflected this summer, it was clear...a partnership with all our stakeholders and a shared vision for what we all believe was best to empower and support the students at LNC.

One of the privileges of being able to visit all three of our schools is to see the number of families that give sacrificially of their time, treasure and talents. I think that sometimes families feel like just because they cannot "plug in" in a traditional volunteer way (i.e., serving lunches, helping in the classroom, etc.), that they do not have much to contribute. In truth, there are many folks that give of themselves in varied ways. One example is Eric Rich. Several years ago, he shared that he owned a creative ad agency and would be happy to share his expertise and his firm's resources, if ever needed. That need arose this year when the LNC Board of Directors voted to move ahead with the [Elevate LNC](#) campaign. Eric's contributions and

input, at no cost to the school, have been invaluable in helping us to develop a plan that will result in a large improvement to all of our students' experiences and opportunities while at LNC.

As we look toward supporting a continued high quality experience for all and achieving future goals, I am asking you to consider a renewed commitment toward being that partner. Maybe you have construction knowledge, are great at organization, have time to help with special projects, know how to review contracts, have connections to service opportunities, can take drone pictures, paint murals...the list and our collective talents are endless! Please give thought to where your specific talents lie and take two minutes to share that via this [link](#). Don't underestimate that a talent, interest, connection or hobby you have may be needed. We may never need to call on you, but like Eric Rich, you may have the chance to make a huge difference in the LNC community.

TOGETHER, we LEARN, LEAD, SERVE and can do so much.

Shannon Stein  
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**Let's Elevate LNC!**



Without state or local funds available for capital needs, it's up to all 1,207 of us to come together and raise the money needed to make the following improvements to our main campus:

WHAT?	WHY?	WHEN?
Turf Knights Field	Students get to use during recess & PE. Safer, more durable and greater use for athletics. More opportunities for band & other academic pursuits.	Aug 2020
Replace Asphalt Track	Safer surface for students at recess and PE, and all athletes, especially cheer, track and cross country.	Aug 2020
Reconfigure MS Office	Increased security for students & staff. More EC & instruction spaces.	Aug 2020
Redesign MS Lot & Main Entrance	Safer, faster & less confusing MS carpool. Easier in & out and increased utilization of parking spaces. Enhanced "front door" appearance better reflecting LNC's high academic caliber & reputation.	Aug 2020
Build Fieldhouse with Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Concessions, Knights Store, Ticket Booth & Athletic Training Room	Permanent bathrooms for fans, students & athletes, eliminating unsightly and malodorous porta-john trailer. Changing area for athletes & officials. Permanent structure for emergencies. Enhanced community experience at athletic and community events. Increase spirit through Knights team wear store. Medical attention & supplies onsite	Fall 2020

Our middle school and field area are our oldest at LNC, designed and built over 12 years ago, our "starter home." Today, our needs have outgrown our first building and spaces. We need to raise the \$2.4 million needed through pledges and cash this fall so we can break ground this spring! Learn more at [Incharter.org/ElevateLNC](http://Incharter.org/ElevateLNC) or by watching the video below. Easily complete your pledge card [here](#). All families who return their pledge cards receive an Elevate LNC magnet plus cool LNC swag based on pledge! And don't forget to check out our [Campaign Incentives](#) and [Business Sponsorships](#)!

What are you waiting for? Help Elevate LNC today!

*Thank you to all of the families who have already returned their pledge cards and pledged their support to this project.*



## LNC 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Casie Zamaira for being chosen as Lake Norman Charter district's Teacher of the Year for 2019-20! Casie teaches chemistry at the high school and has been with Lake Norman Charter for 11 years. She holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Davidson College, and a Masters in Education (M.A.Ed) from Wake Forest. What Casie enjoys most about teaching is her students! Mrs. Zamaira says " I love interacting with my students, learning from them, being challenged by them, and sharing stories with them. No two school days are ever the same!"

## Meet Our New Staff in Their Own Words



David Broome, left and Tim Swiatek



Left to right: Christine Vellia, Molly McRorie, Nicole Pirrella and Brandy Lytle



Left to right: Jeanine Eisley, Molly Drouin, Kathy Wykoff and Nicole Phelix

### **David Broome - HS Social Studies**

I've spent most of my professional career at Salisbury High School in Salisbury, NC. I graduated from Appalachian State University with a B.S. in History, Secondary Education. I am thrilled to become part of the family here at LNC and look forward to a successful school year.

### **Tim Swiatek - HS Social Studies**

I recently moved back to Charlotte after completing an MA in World History. Before graduate school, I taught ESL in Ulsan, South Korea for two years. In my free time I enjoy 35mm photography, sourcing vintage clothes and records, and visiting new places. I'm excited to be back at LNC!

### **Brandy Lytle - 8th Grade Math**

I am thrilled to be the new 8th grade Math teacher! I am originally from Mooresville, NC and attended NC State. During the summers at NCSU I

### **Molly McRorie - 7th Grade ELA**

I am very excited to be part of the 7th grade team teaching Language Arts this year. I look forward to collaborating with my peers and I'm passionate about integrating technology into the reading and writing classroom. I am originally from Mooresville, NC and attended Appalachian State University where I received my Bachelors and Masters degrees.

### **Nicole Pirrella - 5th Grade ELA/SS**

I am enthralled to be a new member of the LNC Family! I look forward to working in a school community that values education, progress, leadership and enthusiasm as much as myself. I also look forward to helping to continue to build this thriving community in any way that I can; academically, through extracurricular activities, you name it. Throughout my many years in school, both as a student and as a teacher, I have been many things,

### **Molly Drouin - ES Front Office**

What I love about working here at LNC is that I get to see these amazing kiddos every day. The relationships I make with the students are priceless and I will carry these with me for years to come. I enjoy refurbishing furniture and cooking Italian food in my spare time. I am a busy mom to three boys and I absolutely love being at LNC with them!

### **Jeanine Eisley - ES EC Assistant**

I have taught preschool for 10 years and love working with young kids. My husband and I have three children, two that attend LNC HS and one that graduated this past May. We have been part of the LNC family for several years, but now I am so happy to be part of the LNC staff and to be working at the ES.

### **Nicole Phelix - ES TA and Knights Kids Director**

I was born and raised in Rochester, NY and have been happily enjoying

worked for Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools where I realized I loved teaching and wanted to not only become a teacher but an overall educator. While teaching is my profession, education is my passion. It is my sincere hope to inspire all that I come in contact with and my pleasure to cultivate productive KNIGHTS!!!

including a Dragon, a Viking, a Trojan, and a Titan. Now I am so fortunate to be a KNIGHT!

**Christine Vellia - M S E C Assistant**

I am very excited to be part of such an amazing EC team here at LNC. I look forward to being a positive influence on the students and hope to make an impact in their lives. My daughter, Sophia, also started kindergarten this fall. It has been exciting to be on this journey together!

the Carolina sunshine for the last 3 years! I received my Master of Social Work Degree at University at Albany. I am most looking forward to becoming part of the Knights community and working with the students at the ES!

**Kathy Wykoff - Kindergarten Teacher**

I am excited to join the Lake Norman Charter Family as a Kindergarten teacher. I'm the proud parent of 3 little girls, including two little Knights. This is my 10th year teaching, and I'm looking forward to spending it with the class of 2032!

## Board-Led Committees - Leadership in Action

Our Leadership in Action™ (LiA) program began in 2017 and is led through an auxiliary committee headed by LNC Board of Education member Anna Blackwelder and LNC HS principal Craig Smith. Leadership has always been a foundational pillar at LNC and prior to LiA, had taken place organically across the grade levels. However, as LNC grew we recognized that it was time for a more formal approach, K-12. After exploring and examining best practices at public, charter and private schools across the country, as well as focus groups of teachers and parents, LiA was born. LiA plays out differently across the three schools, thoughtfully delivering content in age-appropriate ways across the grade levels. The goal of understanding and experiencing LiA's seven key leadership skills and concepts, however, is consistent throughout the K-12 journey. The seven skills are Communication and Collaboration; Integrity and Personal Accountability; Confidence; Enthusiasm and Purpose; Adaptability and Creativity; Empathy, Humility and Compassion; Problem Solving and Critical Thinking.

At the ES, the counselor, Mrs. Crane, purposefully introduces each of the skills in an age-appropriate way over the course of the students' journey from kindergarten through 4th grade. This includes using books, videos and activities that illustrate a particular leadership skill in child-friendly terms and hosting intentional group dialog to further explain the concept and relate it to our elementary students' lives.

At the MS, the students discuss and work with all seven skills each year with a different focus in each grade. In 5th grade, the characteristics are defined and in 6th grade, the skills are applied through the 6th grade community service project. In 7th grade, the students self-assess how they are personally living each of the seven skills and identify opportunities for growth. In 8th grade, the students think and write about how they will project these skills moving forward into their high school years and beyond. This instruction is delivered by the students' teachers and overseen by counselors Ms. Bish and Ms. Kaproth-Glenn.

The HS portion of LiA takes place over the course of the students' freshman, sophomore and junior years. During these three years, students delve into the leadership skills using specified time during the school day throughout the school year to meet with their LiA adviser and to collaborate with their cohort of peers. This adviser and cohort remain the same throughout high school, giving students time to build relationships with their adviser and leadership peers. Students study and discuss each skill in depth, focusing on only two or three per year. They have intermittent workshops during which the students reflect on how they have demonstrated the skill through a written narrative. At the conclusion of their junior year, each student should have a portfolio demonstrating their individual understanding of each skill and detailing how they have applied it. The portfolio is beneficial in many ways, including helping spark or supplement ideas for college application essays or job interviews. LNC is very excited to teach our students these invaluable life skills that, along with [LNC's Service component](#), enable our students to be more independent as they go out into the world.

If you have any questions regarding Leadership in Action™, please send an e-mail to [leadership@Incharter.org](mailto:leadership@Incharter.org). You can also find more information on the LNC website under Leadership and Service as well as by following us on Twitter @LNCLIA.



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

If you order lunch for your student you are supporting the PTO! Another way you can support the PTO is by volunteering to serve those lunches. Serving lunch also lets you be "a fly on the wall" to see how your student is doing, whom they are sitting with, etc. A win-win in all the way around, so don't delay, check out the links below and sign up today! 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?

[Click here](#) for HS Lunch Volunteer

[Click here](#) for MS Lunch Volunteer

[Click here](#) for ES Lunch Volunteer

## Box Tops Update - No More Clipping!

Exciting news for BoxTops clippers! You can put the scissors away and just start scanning your receipt! Download the BTFE (BoxTops For Education) App. If you already had an account online, the sign-in is the same. If not, sign up for an account and link it to LNC. Start scanning your receipts to earn \$\$ for LNC!

LNC is still accepting clipped BoxTops as well so keep sending those in. BTFE is phasing them out, but we will count them and send them in for as long as they still appear on products. Thank you for supporting LNC!

# KNIGHTS ATHLETICS

## Coaching Positions Available at LNC

We have a few open coaching positions in the athletic department for this upcoming 2019-20 school year. All coaching positions come with a coaching stipend.

Available Coaching Positions:

- Middle School Boys' & Girls' Assistant Basketball (Oct 30-Jan 31) Practices & Games M-F, Practice times TBD
- Middle School Boys' Lacrosse Head Coach (Feb 12-April 30) Practices & Games M-F, Practice 3:15-5:30; Games start at 4:15
- Middle School Boys Tennis Head Coach (Feb 12-April 30) Practices & Games M-F, Practice 3:15-5:30; Matches start at 4:15
- Varsity Men's Tennis (Feb 12-May-16) Practices & Games M-Th, Practice 3:15-5:30; Matches start at 4pm

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

## Get to Know the Athletic Booster Club!

Who We Are: 100% LNC Parent Volunteers

What We Do: Support LNC Varsity, J.V. and MS athletics by purchasing capital items like stadium bleachers and school buses, paying for team travel, uniform and equipment costs, providing police and EMTs at games and funding four college scholarships per year.

How We Do It: Through revenue from admissions and concessions at HS athletic events (never admission to MS games), Booster memberships and parents JUST LIKE YOU volunteering! Remember, you don't have to have a student actively involved in LNC sports to volunteer and to be a Booster.

Sign up to volunteer [here](#) and join the Boosters [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.

# LNCHARTER PRESENTS

Every year we look forward to seeing our students, kindergarten through 12th grade, participating in the LNC Fine Arts department. There are exciting opportunities to be entertained in a multitude of different areas from our state winning HS theatre department, award winning band, HS and MS choral concerts and even our youngest Knights during grade level performances!

The HS Theatre Arts Program is looking for its 5th straight year at the NCTC (North Carolina Theatre Conference) State Championships. They will be producing a play entitled "A Game" by Dennis E. Noble, which will be available for public viewing October 18 & 19 and October 25 & 26, 2019. The spring production is TBA, so stay tuned for more information.



The HS and MS band program continues to grow with our largest number of drum line members this year! Come listen to the Knight Riders during HS home football games, HS varsity basketball games and Concert on the Green in May. Band continues to grow and be a favorite elective at every grade level at the MS. Don't miss the MS winter band concert and listen to how much these students grow throughout the year.

The ES music department is excited to perform their new building soon! All students will get to perform their grade level production on stage in the new ES gymnasium.

Please check the [school calendar](#) regularly to keep up with all the exciting and upcoming performances.

## CHARTER ALUMNI

Attention parents of LNC alumni: Did you know that we now operate an alumni Facebook page? This is an active page, just for Charter alumni, administered by Mrs. Leigh Ann Williams at the high school. Information on fellow alumni, [updating alumni information](#) and school happenings of interest to alumni can be found there. We have 845 members! Ask your LNC alum if they are part of this Facebook page. If not, ask them to join now.

## KNIGHTLY ⚡ NEWS FLASH

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

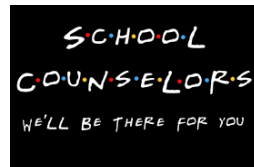
### 7th Grade Carpool Project

This week, 7th grade students began their Carpool Project, which calculates the emissions given off by cars while they are on our campus. (We are not looking for feedback on how carpool is running!) The objective is to teach students the impact we each have on the environment and encourage ecofriendly thoughts each day. Students will continue to walk the carpool area collecting "REAL life data" until September 13 to give out data collection sheets as parents/guardians come around the track. Parents/guardians will be asked their arrival time, type/year/make of car, and amount of people in the car. Students will collect the papers when students are in the loading area. 7th grade students will utilize this ACTUAL data to analyze, compare, and find solutions as they relate to our atmosphere. Thank you for your participation **all 5 days!!**



### HS Counseling Newsletter

Did you know that LNC's ratio of school counselors to students is among the lowest in our area? This allows our six counselors to get to know their students on both an academic and social-emotional level. At the high school, the counselors also help our students and families navigate the often complicated college application and decision process. Check out the HS counseling newsletter to read more! <https://www.smores.com/zudmw-quarterly-update>



### Important Picture & Yearbook Dates

There are many dates and deadlines to keep up with this time of the year, which is especially challenging if you have more than one LNC student attending multiple LNC schools! [This chart](#) has important dates and deadlines regarding school pictures and yearbooks. Click on the links below to purchase pictures and yearbooks.

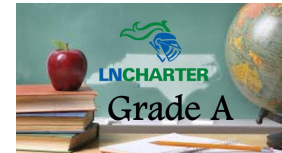


Click [here](#) to order school pictures

Click [here](#) to order HS Yearbook

### LNC Receives Grade A

We are pleased to share that for the 6th consecutive year LNC has received an "A" grade from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for the 2018-2019 school year. The state is expected to release the "NC School Report Card" later this year and we will notify our families then. In the meantime, congratulations goes to all 5 stakeholders – Students and Teachers, along with Parents and Administration for their support and our Board of Education for their leadership!



### HS Service Opportunity

On October 16 the majority of our high school students will take the ACT. In an effort to help our HS students fulfill their 10 hours of required service, we are excusing them the afternoon of Wednesday, October 16 to perform service at an organization or cause of their choice.

We also have a great opportunity for students who wish to serve their own school community that afternoon. Our elementary school will be moving into their new building and we could use some help! Please [click here](#) to sign up if you are interested in assisting our ES staff on the afternoon of October 16! Students must provide their own transportation.



### The Royal Golf Outing is Around the Corner and YOU Can Still Sign Up!

Sunday, October 13 is a great day for a round of golf. The Panthers play in London in the morning and you can tee off in the afternoon. Sign up using [this link](#) today. Spaces are limited and will not last! All proceeds benefit the LNC Athletic Booster Club.

## LNC Homecoming Shirt T-Shirt

Don't miss out on purchasing your LNC Homecoming T-Shirt today! Click [here](#) to buy your shirt as these t-shirts are available for purchase through this Sunday, September 15 only. Our theme for the game is "pink out" to support Breast Cancer awareness. Therefore, not only are the shirts for this year pink, but a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness Research.



### Alexandra Badgett ('14)

Did you know that the reigning Miss North Carolina is an LNC alum? Congratulations to Alexandra Badgett, LNC class of '14.

Alexandra's passion and platform is giving victims of sexual assault voice and helping to fight for their rights.

Good luck to Alexandra as she goes on to compete for Miss America in December!

## Have you joined Schoology?

Schoology is our learning management system that allows us to collaborate between teachers, students, parents and LNC administration. It is very important that you join one of the three LNC 2 Parent Schoology groups. You can expect to see a post every Friday with important school information for the upcoming week related to each school.

LNC2HSP Access Code: M4XT8-Q43FD  
LNC2MSP Access Code: 2MB34-KX3ZB  
LNC2ESP Access Code: B8ZHV-VJTK6

The P2P groups are optional but we encourage our community to join those groups as well. This group is a great way to hear about volunteer opportunities with the PTO, ask other LNC parents questions, form carpool groups and more.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of Schoology groups, access codes and the purpose of each group.

## Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Your student is bringing home a brochure from Duke Energy entitled "McGuire Nuclear Station 2019-2020 Emergency Preparedness Information." Please review the information in the brochure so you know what to do in case LNC is asked to evacuate. If there were an emergency situation involving McGuire Nuclear Station, Lake Norman Charter would be contacted by county emergency management officials. Not all emergencies would require LNC to evacuate. Listen to local radio or TV stations to find out if our zone, ZONE 7, is being



## Do You Know Your Child's Student ID Number?

A child's student ID number is a unique number given to your child by the state of NC when they begin school. If your student did not come from an NC public school, LNC would have assigned a number to the student when they began school at LNC. This unique student ID number will follow your child until they graduate from HS. **Why is it important for me to know my child's student ID number?** As this is a unique number for each student, this is an easy way for us to track payments for fieldtrips and technology co-pays, the Parent Handbook and Student Expectation forms and more. Students also use their student ID number to sign into any school technology. **How do I find my child's student ID number?** The easiest and fastest way is to ask your student! You can also find this number on their report card and/or EOG testing results. Please write down this number and keep it handy. LNC will be asking parents for the student ID number more frequently. Thanks for your help!



## Fight The Good Fight Update and Thank You!

Thank you to everyone in the LNC community who came out in support of Fight The Good Fight's brewery bash for the McKay family. The event was a huge success and raised nearly \$13,000 for the McKay family to go toward costs associated with Brady's brain tumor. Please continue to send positive vibes to the McKays and continue to support Fight The Good Fight as they endeavor to help more families!



## Student Absences

An absence is defined as missing half of any class period or more. For every absence, students must bring a note from home stating the student's name, date(s) of absence, reason for absence, and parent/guardian signature. Notes for ES students may be emailed or given to the child's teacher and the front office. At the

evacuated. Additional information about LNC's procedures in case of evacuation are available in Schoology LNC2HSP, LNC2MSP and LNC2ESP, (Resources, Forms and Information).

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MS, these notes are to be given to the student's first period teacher during the morning. HS students should deliver these notes to the main office before school. It will be the responsibility of the administration to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. Students must bring in a note or have an e-mail sent by their parent/guardian for their absence to be considered excused.

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### Student Early Dismissal

Students will be permitted to leave campus early only with parental consent. Parents must sign students out in the main office and no student will be released directly from the classroom for any reason. In no case will a student be allowed to leave school with anyone except his/her parent or guardian unless the school has an e-mail or note signed by the student's parent/guardian. If the early dismissal is for a medical appointment, the student should bring a note from the medical professional to the office the next day for the absence to be considered excused. HS students who drive themselves to school must bring a note signed by the parent, including a contact number for the parent, to the office before school begins. A dismissal slip will be issued to the student after the parent has been contacted and the early dismissal has been verified. To preserve the integrity of the classroom environment, early dismissals will end at 2:15pm at the HS, 2:30pm at the MS and 3:00pm at the ES. Please schedule appointments accordingly and be mindful that students will not be dismissed after these times.

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### Save The Dates

Check the [school calendar](#) at [www.incharter.org](http://www.incharter.org) for information on upcoming school holidays, E-Learning days and other events at LNC.

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### Name Changing Event!

Congratulations to MS 5th grade teacher Sarah (Schutrum) Joplin on her wedding over the summer. We welcome Sarah's new husband Aaron to the LNC family!



### Welcome Our Newest Knight!

Congratulations to Claudia Bravener, HS Counselor, and her husband Chris on the addition to their family! Welcome to the LNC family, baby Benjamin!



### LNC in Pictures

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

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