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Students Successfully Show Oriole PRIDE During the First Months of School



Charlotte High School is in its second year of focusing heavily on what it means to have Oriole PRIDE, and its students are having tremendous success because of it. The PRIDE acronym, which stands for Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence, creates a framework for how students interact with one another, with their teachers, and with the school, and it has helped to build a positive culture at CHS. Throughout the school, there are signs and banners that remind students of what PRIDE means in different areas, and teachers recognize students who show those attributes with PRIDE tickets. Students then turn those tickets into a basket in the office, and each week, two to three tickets are drawn and students are able to choose from a wide range of prizes. Then, to celebrate all students who received tickets in the first term, CHS provided Oriole PRIDE bracelets and ice cream cones to anyone who turned in a ticket in the first nine weeks of school. Students had their names read over the announcements, and they received their bracelets, which allowed them to get their ice cream cones at lunch on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Nearly 200 different students received Oriole PRIDE tickets in the first term alone, and the following students won prizes in the weekly drawings: Nick Romero (Excellence), Taylor Basiaga

(Excellence), Isaac Potter (Integrity), Victor Villanueva (Purpose, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence), Alley Lahr (Excellence), Katlin Medler (Dedication and Excellence), Krista Martinez (Excellence), Kimmy Leiby (Purpose and Excellence), Chase Taylor (Dedication and Excellence), Destiny Tretheway (Dedication and Excellence), Connor Defrates (Dedication and Excellence), Kameryn Adams (Respect), Brianna Skowronski (Purpose, Respect, and Dedication), Christian Locke (Purpose and Dedication), Lilly Pennington (Dedication and Excellence), Mason Mock (Dedication), Jarrett Thorne (Dedication and Excellence), and Bryan Wagner (Excellence). Students can give teachers tickets as well, and the following teachers were recognized in the first term: Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Porter, Dr. Barnes, Mrs. Burdick, Ms. Wolke, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Loughrige, Mrs. Schwarzbeck, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Barker, Mr. Bartolacci, Mrs. Jobson, Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. Nenortas.

A program like this would not be possible without the support of local businesses and organizations, who provide the prizes that are handed out to students each week. The Charlotte Performing Arts Center provided tickets to events and other prizes; Intsy Prints provided a monetary donation that helped with the cost of the bracelets and ice cream and will be used for additional events later in the year; board president Mike Bruce donated passes to a concert event and the RE Olds Museum, as well as Oriole license plates; Julie Kimmer and the Courthouse Square Museum donated tickets to a ghost tour at the courthouse; Hope Landing made a monetary donation that helped with the cost of the bracelets and the ice cream and will be used for future events; the Charlotte Optimist Club donated multiple Charlotte Chamber of Commerce gift certificates; Alive donated a gift card for services at their facility; the Oriole Nest school store donated school store gift cards; The Gaming Cantina donated various games; and Charlotte Biggby donated coupons for coffee. Students also had the opportunity to win Michigan State football tickets for various games throughout the season. These people, businesses, and organizations all received a framed Oriole PRIDE sign to display, so look for them around town.

As all of this work and the partnership between students, the school, and the community shows, Oriole PRIDE is certainly alive and well at CHS and around town, and students are clearly showing what it means to be proud of being an Oriole!