

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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First Day of School – Tuesday, September 8, 2015

The first day of school for Charlotte Public Schools is Tuesday, September 8, 2015. We are just under a month away from the beginning of school, so I wanted to share some thoughts and information in preparation of the start of the 2015-16 school year.

1. New Student Enrollments - Our district registrar is located in the office at the Charlotte Aquatic Center. The building is located at 1068 Carlisle Highway. All student enrollment information is also accessible on our district website, www.charlottenet.org, or you can call the registrar’s office with questions at 541-5740. Our Schools of Choice window will be closing August 21, so call us today.
2. Our school building offices will soon be open with office staff available. The High School, Middle School and Upper Elementary offices will be open for business starting on Monday, August 17, 2015. Parkview and Washington Elementary offices will be open one week later on Monday, August 24, 2015. Families needing to access their student’s school can do so between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM.
3. Families requiring transportation services, (new requests for service), need to contact our transportation office at 543-3400 or fill out the form on the website. Registration for service forms are available on our website under the *Department* tab and then the *Transportation* tab. The *Transportation Registration* form **must be** filled out so we can add your address to routes and ensure safe pick up and drop off locations. Please have these filled out by the 19th of August if you want transportation the first week of school. Drivers will be contacting families on or near August 25th to provide information on anticipated route times.
4. New K-12 building and transportation handbooks with updated code of conduct provisions have been approved by the Board of Education. Students, parents and guardians are expected to read and review the handbooks as well as sign off on the acknowledgment page.
5. Open houses and orientations have been scheduled for each building and the transportation department. Please check the school calendar and /or the website for specific dates and times for your student’s respective building.
6. Fall sports are starting very soon. The athletic department is now located in the Charlotte High School main office. Stop in for team information and any required paperwork. All student athletes must have a current athletic physical prior to participating. 2015-16 sports passes are also available for purchase.

7. District and building offices will be CLOSED on Monday, August 31, 2015, from 7:30 AM to approximately 10:30 AM, for an all school staff meeting.

The District's FOCUS newsletter should arrive in the mail the week of August 24th and will have detailed information regarding the beginning of school. This article is a summary of start-up events and activities to help you plan and prepare for the start of the new school year. Buildings will also be sending dedicated letters home to families. Be on the look-out for them in the coming weeks. Our website has a tremendous amount of information, so please access it at your convenience. I personally look forward to the new school year which is fast approaching. We have new staff, new programming and new technology for students and staff. Get ready now for the 2015-16 school year as it will be here before you know it!

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!