

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Welcome back students and families to Charlotte Public Schools for the 2016-17 school year! Staff in all areas are entering the new school year with renewed energy, enthusiasm and commitment. I hope you are doing the same as the new school year offers a fresh start and a lot of opportunities.

As we start the new school year, I offer a few suggestions for you and your student to consider:

1. If you attend many home athletic events, you should strongly consider purchasing a student or family athletic pass. These passes can save you a lot of money over the course of a school year. Purchase your pass now so you can experience the greatest benefit from it.
2. Have a dedicated school calendar. There are many events and activities over the course of the school year during the school day and afterschool. Having a dedicated school calendar will allow you to keep track of the important dates and events. If possible, post the calendar so your entire family can see what is happening in the current week and upcoming weeks. This is particularly important with tracking academic progress, parent-teacher conferences, PTO or school improvement meetings and of course, the extra-curricular offerings your child or children are involved in. Our buildings send out frequent newsletters and/or emails so you can add information from them directly to your school calendar.
3. Communicate often with the school. Your connection with the school office staff and your student’s teachers, guidance staff, coaches, and advisers should happen regularly. I strongly suggest making contact at least every three to four weeks. This communication effort will pay off throughout the year with home and school knowing more information about each other. The more communication we have with parents and guardians the better.
4. Bookmark our website and add our Facebook page to your home and personal devices. Both of these media sites change constantly. Updates at the district, building and department levels are ongoing and ever-changing with new information. Please be sure to access these sites for current information.
5. Get involved. Everything offered at the school district is designed for your student to experience growth, success and achievement. Engagement in the opportunities that are offered is the key. Join a club, a team or an organization. Be active and participate.
6. Go for a swim or attend a performance. The Charlotte Aquatic Center has multiple opportunities for open swims and dedicated classes. The fall program is soon to be released and you can take advantage of activities at the main or exercise pool. The Charlotte Performing Arts Center has a full schedule once again with the premier series, special events, arts for youth and of course all of our student based events - musical, plays, band bounce, cabaret, talent shows, etc. Please see both the Aquatic Center and the Charlotte Performing Arts Center websites for much more information.

Welcome back again to the 2016-17 school year. Please take advantage of the amazing opportunities our school district has to offer.

- Go Orioles / Oriole Pride