

## **In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent**

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### **2016-2017 School Year Springs Forward**

Now that we have returned from Spring break, the 2016-17 school year will enter its final phase with ten weeks of school remaining. The school year has gone by quickly to this point, but there is still much more that will happen over the course of the remaining weeks. Teaching and learning will continue until the end of the year as well as many student based programs, activities and events at all levels.

As shared in previous articles and in building newsletters, students across most grade levels will be involved in state assessments starting this week. Assessments will last approximately seven weeks from the original administration of the tests until re-takes of the tests are finished with students who are absent. Families are reminded to make sure your student(s) have a good night’s rest and breakfast in the morning. This will help them to focus and concentrate and thus, do their best.

At all levels, student recognitions will occur. Honors convocation, service projects, the farewell tour and finally graduation, will happen for our seniors. Juniors and seniors will also have prom on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Eighth grade recognition, the high school underclassmen awards ceremony and the CTE/LCC recognition ceremony will take place near the end of the year. Transitions from the lower elementary to the CUE, the CUE to the Middle School and the Middle School to the High School will begin for students and families. Class scheduling has also started so students and families will have an indication of their schedules for the 2017-18 school year.

Charlotte High School’s long standing traditions of Band Bounce (81<sup>st</sup> annual) and Cabaret (39<sup>th</sup> annual) will take place this spring. Band Bounce is April 27-29, and Cabaret is May 19 and 20. Plan ahead and get your tickets now! There are other grade level concerts, the middle school/high school art show, field trips and field days this spring. Please access our website at [charlottenet.org](http://charlottenet.org) for additional events and activities. The calendar of events is constantly changing and our students are showcased with photos and articles.

Spring sports are underway. Get out and enjoy soccer, tennis, baseball, golf, track and softball. We have many home events so be sure to support our student athletes.

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year has begun! We have open houses scheduled at Washington on April 18<sup>th</sup> and Parkview on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Both open house visits are from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Enrollment information will be available on site both evenings.

The district is closed on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>. And finally, the school year will end with two half days on June 15 and 16, with June 16 being the last day of school.

The remaining weeks of the 2016-17 school year will fly by so get involved with the district’s spring events and enjoy everything that is going on!

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!