

In Session with the "Oriole" Superintendent

By, Mark D. Rosekrans, Superintendent of Charlotte Public Schools

New Dean of Students at Charlotte Middle School

Starting this fall with the 2015-2016 school year, the Middle School will have a new Dean of Students. Mr. Jeff Finney has been hired as the dean to work with Mr. Matt Maitland, the new Middle School principal and also with the 7th and 8th grade students, families and staff.

Mr. Finney is presently our Charlotte High School varsity football coach and was previously employed at the Relevant Academy.

Mr. Fred Koning, (the present Dean of Students at the Middle School), will shift to be the Dean of Students at Charlotte Upper Elementary (CUE) where he will join new principal Ms. Blair Klco and the upper elementary staff.

Mr. Finney's role will resemble that of Mr. Koning's; working very closely with students and families on behavior and attendance concerns or issues which are in violation of the code of conduct. Mr. Finney indicated building positive relationships with students, parents, the staff and the overall Charlotte community will be a central goal of his this school year.

Student achievement and performance in the classroom is something Mr. Finney will encourage and support. Specifically he wants students to come to school and focus on their subject areas and not get involved in disciplinary infractions. Mr. Finney plans to work very closely with the Middle School staff and administration, Mr. Koning, and also the High School administration. Communication will be the key to having clear and consistent code of conduct and student handbook application. In doing so, families and students in grades 4 - 12 will know and hopefully understand the consistent high standards and expectations in regard to student behaviors and attendance that is expected of our students.

In addition to his football coaching responsibilities, Mr. Finney is involved in other high school athletic game management efforts and plans to pursue additional coaching assignments within the school district. He also looks forward to being involved in Middle school events and activities, including parent teacher conferences, student performances and programs.

Welcome to Mr. Finney and good luck in your new role as the Middle School Dean of Students and for the upcoming football season with our student athletes.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!