

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Charlotte Public Schools – Welcomes New Staff

Usually, I write an article welcoming new staff at the beginning of the school year and then hiring of both support and certified staff slows down as the school year gets underway. This year has been different, however, as we have added new staff and have even had staff changes over the past several weeks. I wanted to inform our community of the new additions to the CPS team and formally welcome them.

Ms. Kathleen Christner joined the Middle School as an English Language Arts teacher. Kathleen comes to us from Kentucky, where she previously taught English for 11 years. She has educational degrees from St. Ambrose University in Iowa and the University of the Cumberland in Kentucky. She has acclimated very well to CMS and looks forward to a productive balance of the school year with her students.

Mr. Zachary Dowdy has also joined the Middle School staff as a Social Studies teacher. Zach comes to us from Illinois where he previously taught and coached for 10 years. He has two educational degrees from Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. Zach is just getting started at the Middle School, but is eager to build relationships with everyone and move his students forward academically.

At Washington Elementary we have Ms. Cheri Friar, a new administrative assistant joining the main office team of Mr. Short and Ms. Fekete.

Ms. Amanda Macomber is a new paraprofessional at Parkview Elementary.

Mr. Mark Talsma and Ms. Elizabeth Carter are new bus drivers in the transportation department.

The Charlotte Performing Arts Center welcomes Ms. Alexandra Leppek as a technical assistant.

Several additions in athletic related roles; coaches and support staff for game management, are Ms. Kristen Martin, Mr. Brock Moore, Ms. Holly Monschein, Mr. Bailey Silvas, Mr. Chase Challendar, Mr. Brendan Simmons and Mr. Mark Fuller.

All of our new staff are welcome additions to the CPS educational team. Finding good, qualified individuals with appropriate and relevant school setting experience at this time of the school year is not always easy to accomplish. I am pleased each member has joined our district and look forward to quality contributions from them for our students. Please join me in welcoming them to our school district and community.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!