

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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Josh Shipp, National Youth Speaker, coming to the Charlotte Performing Arts Center

On Monday, August 29, 2016, we are welcoming Mr. Josh Shipp to our district and community. Please visit our website, charlottenet.org, where you will find a flyer that briefly outlines Josh’s credentials and some of the media outlets he has been featured on over the past few years.

Mr. Shipp is an author and nationally recognized speaker whose central focus is to talk about topics that are crucial for teens and their parents. Many times, these topics are challenging and difficult in today’s world for both the teen and the parent and need to be addressed for success.

The central reason we are bringing Mr. Shipp to Charlotte is to let our students know and understand that whatever circumstances they face while growing up, that the adults at Charlotte Public Schools, and I believe in our community, are here to help in any way we can and to assure them we care about them.

Teens often feel overwhelmed socially, emotionally and mentally. Couple this with the pressures they feel academically to perform here at school. The educational rigors today are great for all of our students, especially teens. In addition, all of the influence, good and bad, that social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat and You Tube, etc.) play into their everyday lives, and teens are exposed to much more at an immediate, intense level. I often hear from parents who also feel stress and pressure trying to keep pace with social media, let alone keeping pace with their child’s development and academics. Parents do not always know how to talk to or reach their children on these challenging topics in a manner the teen wants to engage in.

Mr. Shipp takes on these difficult topics and does so with compassion, first-hand experience, tough love, humor, and by being very direct. His presentation is only an hour, but the hour will be well spent.

This presentation is free. However, a reservation is required. Please join us on Monday, August 29 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Mr. Shipp will present to parents (adults only) starting at 6:00 PM. Following the adult presentation, he will then present directly to our Charlotte teens (grades 7-12 only, no adults) at 7:30 PM.

Please reserve your seat online at www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com or by emailing us at contactus@charlottenet.org. We want to have a full house so please reserve your seat today!

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