

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

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

Welcome Back Students and Staff

The 2017-18 school year starts on Monday, August 21, 2017. We are anxiously awaiting the start of the new school year and are ready to have some awesome educational experiences together.

Please let me share some information prior to the school year starting on Monday:

- The Shepherd/Mikesell street intersection still remains closed and under construction. Please make sure you plan an alternate route to school or follow the recommended detour the City of Charlotte has in place. Add some extra time to your morning drop off routine as there is sure to be some traffic congestion due to the repair work as well as due to the natural start of the school year and families acclimating to getting around in the morning. It is also our understanding that the sidewalk in that area is closed. Students should walk along Henry St. and cross the pedestrian bridge over State St.
- The start and end times have been adjusted slightly for of our K-3 school buildings. The start time is now 8:55 AM and the end time is 3:51 PM. This is a five minute adjustment.
- The Board of Education members and a recently formed youth athletic advisory group have agreed to a new facility use format for the 2017-18 school year. The Board of Education has acted to forgo their meeting compensation to offset fees associated with athletic fields and gym use for Charlotte area youth athletic groups. This change is in an effort to increase school/community relationships, but most importantly, to increase youth participation in athletic offerings within the community.
- The Board of Education, at their August meeting, approved TMP Architecture for architect and engineering services and Granger Construction for construction management services for a potential November 2018 bond proposal. The approval of both firms allows the school district to begin to involve and plan with community stakeholders for the consideration of the bond proposal. No formal bond scope has been approved by the Board of Education yet. It is anticipated that over the next several months we will identify and refine the bond scope with community input. Stay tuned over the fall months as additional communication will be coming surrounding this bond consideration.
- I again encourage all of our students to get involved in the many school district offerings that are available to them. Athletics, performing and fine arts, and a variety of clubs and organizations are offered to students of all interests to take advantage of.
- We recently mailed our annual district UPDATE to community residents. Please save this communication as it has relevant information about the district, buildings, departments and services offered at CPS.

As always, refer to our website and other social media sites for current information and happenings at the school district. Welcome back!