

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

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

### **Start of the School Year Updates**

We have started the new school year off in great fashion with students and families here at CPS. Following are some quick updates and reminders for our community:

- There is no school on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day holiday. School resumes on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents - make sure to turn in free and reduced lunch/breakfast paperwork ASAP!
- Transportation services are going very well thus far. Any change to services takes time to be implemented into the driver’s route, so please be patient and understanding as timing will improve each day.
- We are excited to welcome additional staff that was hired recently:
  - Zoe Wietfeldt – Washington Elementary - Kindergarten
  - Amanda Youngheim – Parkview Elementary - Kindergarten
  - Meredith McCoy – Parkview Elementary - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
  - Amy Jo Kinyon – CPAC Technology Assistant
- Future planning – Homecoming is Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> vs. Mason. Planning and preparations are underway at the High School which will include Spirit week. There is coordination with downtown businesses, community organizations and the City of Charlotte for the parade as well.
- The Shepherd/Mikesell street intersection construction and road repair continues. Please keep using the detour as outlined by the City of Charlotte for your route to and from school.
- Grades 7-12 have the opportunity to participate in the Charlotte High School drama production of the “Addams Family”. Auditions will be held September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Performances are November 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in CPAC. Mark your calendars now and get your tickets starting in September for the show!
- The fall program offerings at the Charlotte Aquatic Center are available. Check them out! There is something for all ages, infants to seniors, at the Aquatic Center.
- Fall sports competitions have started. Our teams are off to a good start. I strongly encourage families and community members to purchase athletic passes to save money over the course of the school year. Family passes are \$150 (2 adults and 2 students and \$25 for each additional student) or \$50 per adult and \$35 for a student. Purchase them now to use them the entire school year at all home athletic events.
- Always check our website or other social media sites for current and up-to-date information and posts surrounding our school district and our students. New this year is a “Did You Know?” segment. The DYK’s are informational items or tidbits to create additional awareness of the school district and our operations, services and opportunities.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!