

CHS Senior Farewell Tour



On Thursday, May 26, 2016, the graduating class of 2016 took a final “Farewell Tour” around the district before they graduated on Friday evening, June 3, 2016. The class of 2016 wanted to celebrate the success they have had as a graduating class as well thank the teachers that have impacted their lives over the years.

The tour started at Charlotte High School where the band played the fight song and underclassmen cheered for the graduates as they made their way out of the school to head towards the middle school. At the middle school seniors paraded through the halls, visited teachers and joined in a game of bombardment ball with the middle school gym classes. Next, seniors went over to Charlotte Upper Elementary going to different classrooms and visiting former teachers.



Buses were waiting outside of Charlotte Upper Elementary to take the class of 2016 to Parkview Elementary. As they arrived they were greeted by students with signs in the parking lot. As the seniors entered the building, Parkview students were playing kazoos and cheering as they paraded through the halls and visited classrooms. From Parkview, the seniors made a stop at St. Mary's. St. Mary's students had created a tunnel for the seniors to walk through and St. Mary's alumni ran through a paper banner.

Washington Elementary was the next stop on the tour. As seniors paraded through the halls, *Pomp and Circumstance* was playing over the loud speaker. Seniors then took time to visit with the students and teachers.

The final stop on the “Farewell Tour” included a cookout on the Eaton County Historic Courthouse Square. School board members, courthouse volunteers and Charlotte Chamber of Commerce members hosted and did the cooking.

The "Farewell Tour" was a wonderful way to show our youngest Orioles what is possible through hard work and determination. The final tour through the district ended up being a great experience for the class of 2016, and a lot of fun for the seniors, staff and our younger students. Congratulations Class of 2016! Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!