

TROJAN TALK

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There's nothing more contagious than the laughter of young children; it doesn't even have to matter what they are laughing about. --Criss Jami

Welcome back! What's in this issue?

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NCHS' New Athletic Director Coach Ron Baker

Ron Baker has served within New Castle Community Schools for 36 years! Hired in 1985, Coach Baker has taught multiple business and computer classes while also coaching extracurriculars. Baker has coached Boys' Wrestling, Football, Baseball, and Girls' Basketball, Softball and youth soccer. Through years of teaching, he's learned that every child is "motivated uniquely, and getting to know each student's personality is pivotal to success and improvement." Ron's vision for the Athletic Department is to give equal importance to every sport. "All the individual teams will become ONE TROJAN WARRIOR." Ron not only sees sports as a unifier, but every person's role within the school system points toward one goal, one culture, or ONE TROJAN! "WE are New Castle!" And WE are excited to see our students develop engaging relational skills under Mr. Baker's leadership! Please welcome a true warrior, Coach Baker!



HOMECOMING

2021 WEEK DETAILS

FRIDAY, September 3rd

Class Hallway Decorations,

MONDAY, September 6th

No School! Stay in your PJs all day!

TUESDAY, September 7th

Classroom Hallways Judged

Dress Up: Hawaiian Day

WEDNESDAY, September 8th

All School Cookout and Games

Powderpuff Game

Dress Up: Red, White & Blue Day

THURSDAY, September 9th

Dress Up: Neon Day

FRIDAY, September 10th

Dress Up: Green Out

Principal's Luncheon

First Baptist Church, 10:00 AM

Catered by the Breakfast Optimist Club

Achievement Day Ceremony

Bundy Auditorium, 2:00 PM

Music Concert at 14th Street Plaza

6:00-8:00 PM

Rock Bottom Boys of Madison County

NCHS Homecoming Dance

7:30-10:30 PM, Arts Park Pavilion

King and Queen Coronation

SATURDAY, September 11th

Homecoming Parade, 10:00-11:00 AM

Main Street to Trojan Lane

Middle School Renovation Tours

11:00 AM-1:00 PM (see NCCSC Website)

Crider's Food Sales

11:00Am -7:00 PM, HS West Cafeteria

Homecoming Game, 1:00P Neal Field

Gathering of the Decades

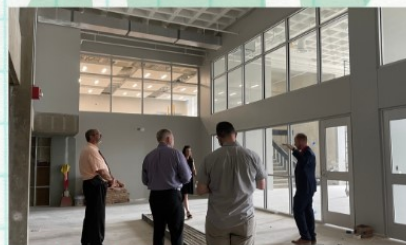
1:00-4:00 PM, Fieldhouse

BUILT ON TRADITION
Focused on the Future



Mayor Greg York Tours NCMS Construction

MAYOR YORK AND DR. SHOEMAKER VISITED NC MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, WITH ADAM MCDANIEL, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, AS THEIR PERSONAL TOUR GUIDE! THE MODERN DESIGN FEATURES LONG, HIGH WINDOWS; NATURAL SUNLIGHT REACHES MULTIPLE CLASSROOMS DEEP WITHIN THE CORRIDORS. COZY COMMON AREAS WERE CREATED FOR SMALL GROUP STUDY AND PRESENTATIONS, AND GIVES TEACHERS FLEXIBILITY FOR CREATIVE TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES. THE NEW FLOORPLAN LEAVES THE 1972 STRUCTURE UNRECOGNIZABLE, AS ONLY THE INTERNAL CONCRETE SUPPORT COLUMNS REMAIN. MAYOR YORK SAYS, "THE REMODEL LOOKS FANTASTIC! OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THERE IS, WITH ALL THE TECHNICAL AMENITIES AT THEIR FINGERTIPS!" BUNDY AUDITORIUM IS SCHEDULED FOR RENOVATION THIS SPRING.



Chalkboard Champions

We love our New Castle Elementary Schools! Each building cultivates student character through distinctive programming and curriculum, yielding success for all students.



Eastwood Eagles are working hard to become WISH kids! By Working hard, Improving daily, Showing respect, and Helping others, our students are exploring new opportunities through Title1 Federal grants! The front offices at Eastwood have just been renovated, and the center of the school is under construction, with a fresh design for the Corporations' Developmental Pre-K and 4th-6th grade Life Skills classes. If you're out at recess, you might catch Principal York joining a game of Ga-Ga-Ball! #eaglepride #beawishkid

Parker Elementary is a STEM school, meaning they combine Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics into one unit, with hands-on projects and lessons that are applicable to real life. Parker is also in construction-mode with front-office renovation; soon the Panthers will have a STEM lab in the center of the school! Pre-K students spend a full day at this location, and can already say the "Parker Pledge" with Principal Lora Wilson: "I'm a Proud Parker Panther. I treat others right, and I do the right thing!" #proudpantherpanther



James W. Riley, also using STEM curriculum, has been honored as a National Blue Ribbon School, by closing the gap among student subgroups, demonstrating all students can achieve to high levels! Principal Aimee Howard has helped Riley open its own National Elementary Honor Society chapter for grades 4-6, focusing on Scholarship (GPA 3.0-4.0), Responsibility, Community Service, and Leadership. Each morning on the announcements, students are encouraged to "Do the right thing, and treat everyone right!" It's always #agreatdaytobeabulldog.



Chalkboard Champs



Wilbur Wright has begun their third year into Franklin Covey's seven-year program, *Leader in Me School*. The school's culture is shaped by Sean Covey's book, *Seven Habits for Happy Kids*. Even the Kindergarteners can already explain what it means to: *Be proactive, Begin with the end in mind, Put first things first, Think win-win, Seek first to understand--then to be understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the saw*. Jean Ann McAllister, the Flyer's Principal, grinned as she shared, "Once teachers teach here, they don't leave. We're driven!" Wilbur Wright just restarted their Violin Club, and soon the Flyers will honor NC's beloved teacher, Ted Fitzgerald, with a walk-a-thon on his namesake trail, leading to the YMCA!

Sunnyside Elementary is better known as the Little Cardinal Family. Lead Teacher Kathryn Hayes says, "Being the smallest yields a strong family-style atmosphere, as multiple age groups can join together for STEM projects." A Title1 school, Sunnyside is able to have instructional assistants in every classroom. Multiple teachers have specialty training to incorporate outreach programs such as "Reach for Tomorrow" and use of the portable planetarium, "Star Lab." Principal Aimee Howard says her favorite thing about Sunnyside is "making positive phone calls home!"



What's your hypothesis?



Westwood is known by their #WildcatWay. Every lesson and monthly theme is built upon the Westwood teachers' Top-Ten choices of character traits: Active Listening, Kindness, Effort, Cooperation, Flexibility, Self-Control, Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, and Perseverance. Principal Kelley Cox has adopted R.J. Palcio's book, "We're All Wonders," to help students appreciate their uniqueness, and celebrate the difference in others. Westwood features successful drama and sign language programs! So, "Work Hard and Be Kind." We can all be #WondersofWestwood!

Superintendent's Message

In a year of uncertainty, our students and staff have shown great spirit, and continued flexibility. I couldn't be more proud of their perseverance, and resilience. From Pre-K to Adult Education, New Castle students and staff continue to raise a standard of excellence.

I want to share my appreciation to you, our families, for encouraging your children to do their best despite unforeseen challenges. With all of life's adjustments since March of 2020, this Homecoming season will certainly have deeper meaning as we reflect on endearing relationships, traditions, and future growth. No longer do we take simple things like picnics, parades, and social gatherings for granted. The fun part of my job is to experience students pushing the limits of their capacity through hard work and determination, and watch them enjoy their success. This growth flourishes through the strong support of families, community and a dedicated staff.

Together, we have accomplished a lot since last Homecoming, and I am proud to serve alongside as a fellow Trojan. Thank you, Matthew Shoemaker



First Day: "The Three Matts"

Matthew Shoemaker, Ph.D.

TROJAN TRIBUTE

1975 NC Graduate, Linda Latham has worked as our second-shift Middle School Athletics custodian for the last two years. "Cleaning the locker rooms is the most grueling part of my job, but the relationships I've built with the coaches and students is the most rewarding. One night I was scrubbing the pool deck; I turned to see my boss with the hose...Yes, she soaked me!" Linda is excited for Homecoming so she can reconnect with her schoolmates. Before she worked for NCCSC, she lived in Arkansas. This year Linda's two sons, also NC graduates, will introduce her grandkids to the Trojan Warrior!

#whereweloveishome





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