

Knightsbridge

A Periodic Chatham Charter Newsletter

Knights Athletics

Middle and high school sports schedules are being finalized for the 2022-2023 seasons.

Student-athletes are required to have a **physical** before they can practice any sport. Forms are posted on the *Athletics Overview & Information* section of the school website. Paper copies are also available upon request from the Athletic Department. Physicals are valid for 395 days. The school will partner with local medical professionals to offer athletic physicals on campus in late July.

Summer workout schedules for some sports will be posted on the school website. Fall sport tryout information will be posted in late July in preparation for them to begin in August.

Summer Camps on Campus

A variety of summer sports camps will once again be offered on campus for Chatham Charter students as well as young people in the local area. Registration information is posted under *Knights News* on the school website. Below are the camps scheduled as of May 9th.

Soccer: May 31-June 2, 3:30-6:30pm on the Knights field for rising 3rd through 12th graders

Basketball: June 6-9, 5:30-8:30pm in the gym for rising 2nd through 8th graders

Tennis: June 13-17, 8:00-11:00am on the Knights courts for ages 8 through rising 9th graders

Volleyball: June 20-22, 8:30-11:30am in the gym for rising 3rd through 8th graders

Softball: June 27-29, 9:00am-noon on the Knights field for rising 3rd through 8th graders

Excellence in the Class of 2022

The Class of 2022 is finishing high school with an outstanding set of achievements despite having to navigate the challenges of a pandemic. Thirty-seven (37) of 45 seniors completed a Career & College Promise (CCP) Pathway. Several others were close to a Pathway completion. Every senior participated in the CCP. A Pathway completion rate of 82% is nearly unheard of across the state. Thirty-three (33) of the seniors are honor graduates.

Visiting Campus in the Summer

Over summer break the school operates on a different routine than during the school year and is not staffed for visitors without appointments. A small group of eleven- and twelve-month staff concentrates on project-based planning for the upcoming school year. Please send an email if you need to contact an administrator. Teachers and support staff check email periodically while they are home for the summer.

Summer Academic Resources

Students continue to make academic gains as schools have been able to recapture a sense of normalcy after disruptions of the pandemic. Using summer resources at home will be more important than ever to help bridge the gap between school years. Students are strongly encouraged to use free educational programs this summer such as Epic, RazKidz, IXL Math and Reading, XtraMath, ABCYa, and Apex Learning.

Stay Informed This Summer

School updates will be posted over the summer on the school social media sites, website, and sent through SchoolMessenger as needed. There will also be a July edition of *Knightsbridge* posted online and mailed to families.



Basic 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

2022

August 5, 8&9	Teacher workdays
August 10	First student day
September 5	Labor Day holiday
October 13&14	Teacher workdays
November 11	Veterans Day holiday
November 21-25	Thanksgiving holiday break
December 16	Early dismissal/semester ends
December 19-31	Winter Break

2023

January 2	Teacher workday
January 3	First student day of second semester
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
February 17	Required teacher workday
February 20	Presidents Day holiday
March 20-24	Spring Break
April 7	Good Friday holiday
May 12	Last student day/early dismissal
May 13	High School Commencement
May 15-17	Teacher workdays

Program Highlights

Opportunities for Elementary Through High School Participation

Archery Club

The Chatham Charter Archery Club is open to students in grades 4-12. Approximately 80 students were involved in the program during the 2021-2022 school year. Team members have typically practiced on Saturday mornings, but in the upcoming school year, other practice times may be possibilities since a community practice location has become available.

The archery program is affiliated with the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP). In addition to the team of archers, the physical education teachers have an archery PE unit that is taught to students in grades 4-12. Chatham Charter currently has six instructors certified through NASP.

Stay tuned for announcements as the new school year begins. In addition to strong student participation, parent volunteers will also be needed.

Knights in Service

The Knights in Service Club will return next year. It may look slightly different than before, but more details will be coming in August.

In the meantime, any students interested in working toward the President's Volunteer Service Award need to begin their volunteer logs now, as the service year starts in April. (Students do not have to participate in the club to work toward the service award.) The President's Volunteer Service Award is available to anyone age 5 and older who satisfies the required number of volunteer hours for their age group. The Chatham Charter service year runs from April to April, so students who are motivated to work toward this goal for the next school year should start now. Email the sponsors, Julie Franklin or Julie Teague, for information on how to get started.

School Lunch Program

Chatham Charter will participate in the National School Lunch Program starting in the 2022-2023 school year. The special program that has provided free lunches for all students over the last two school years has ended. Going forward lunches will cost \$4. Students may also qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Families will be able to complete eligibility forms in August to request free or reduced-price meals. Food will continue to be prepared by the Virginia Cross Elementary School cafeteria staff through a partnership with Chatham County Schools.

