JULY 2025

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

A Periodic Chatham Charter Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

July 22 Sports physicals (2:00 pm)
Mandatory fall sports meeting (6:00 pm)

July 30 High school fall sports practices can begin

July 31 11th Grade Family Night (5:30 pm)
9th Grade Orientation (6:30 pm)

August 5 Open House (4:00-7:00 pm)

August 7 First Student Day

August 12 6th-8th Grade Orientation (6:00 pm)
Middle school fall sports practices begin

August 19 Senior Family Night (6:00 pm)

Helpful Links

School Year Calendar

Student Supply Lists

Activities and Events Calendar

Parent/Student Handbook

Lunch Program

PE Uniform Orders

DragonFly (athletic participation forms)

Parent's Guide to Student Achievement

A Message from Principal Tripp Crayton

We are excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and community! Whether you're a returning Knight or joining us for the first time, we are honored to have your family as part of the Chatham Charter School community.

Our staff has been hard at work preparing for the year ahead, and we are committed to providing a supportive, engaging, and challenging educational experience for every student—from kindergarten through high school. This year, we will continue to build on the strong academic foundation our school is known for, while expanding our focus on student well-being, character development, and college and career readiness.

We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year to help each student thrive. Watch for updates every Sunday evening or as needed throughout the year as we wish to keep you informed about important dates, school events, and highlights from across our campus.

Let's make this an outstanding year together, where #WeAreUKnighted!

Staff Honors

Two members of the Chatham Charter staff have been recognized by their colleagues as the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year and Teacher Assistant of the Year.

Emily Pasquarella, who teaches fourth grade, is the Teacher of the Year.

Brooke Boswell, who works in the Exceptional Children department, is the Teacher Assistant of the Year.

TYPICAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL TOPICS OF INTEREST

Lunch Program

Chatham Charter participates in the National School Lunch Program. A meal costs $4.50, but families can apply for free and reduced lunches. Each student's lunch status from last school year will remain the same for the first 30 days of school or until a new lunch application is submitted. Lunch applications will be available at Open House and will also be sent home during the first week of school. Families pre-order meals through MyMealOrder. The lunch program webpage has more information.

Staggered Kindergarten Entry

Kindergartners will begin school on a staggered schedule the first two days of school with all kindergartners attending together starting Monday, August 11. Families will receive information about the day their students will start school prior to Open House.

Pittsboro Bus Route Schedule

Chatham Charter has a single bus stop at the Pittsboro Food Lion parking lot.

Morning: 7:00 am - bus arrives at the stop 7:15 am - bus leaves Pittsboro
Afternoon: 3:35 pm - bus leaves campus 3:55 pm - bus arrives at the stop

Bus Rider Registration Form

P.E. Uniform Purchase

P.E. uniforms for grades 6-9 will be available to purchase online from Monday, July 21, through Tuesday, August 12. Another order will be placed in November for the second semester, but no orders will be placed between.

Daily Schedule

Kindergarten-Second Grade
Start: 8:00 AM
Dismissal: 2:50 PM

Third & Fourth Grade
Start: 8:00 AM
Dismissal: 3:00 PM

Fifth & Sixth Grade
Start: 8:00 AM
Dismissal: 3:10 PM

Seventh & Eighth Grade
Start: 8:00 AM
Dismissal: 3:20 PM

High School
Start: 8:30 AM
Dismissal: 3:30 PM

NEW OR DIFFERENT IN 2025-2026

• A **new position** has been added to the staff as an additional resource in elementary curriculum and instruction. Suzy Campbell will shift from teaching fifth grade to the reading/instructional specialist role.

• Sixth graders will have a different elective, **Computer Science Discoveries**, that is required by the state. It will replace the success elective.

• There is a **new band boosters organization** that will support the middle/high school band program.

• **Knights Time**, a dedicated intervention and enrichment block, will expand from K-5 to K-8.

• The **playground** has new basketball goals and rock climbing equipment.

• **Student parking** will cost $30 for the full year and $15 for half the year. Details will be emailed to high school students prior to the start of the school year.

Required Immunizations

North Carolina law requires children entering kindergarten, 7th grade and 12th grade receive certain vaccines. See link for details. Please follow up with your healthcare provider for the required vaccines and submit a copy of your child's updated immunization record when we return to school in August. The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) website has detailed vaccine requirement information. Contact School Nurse Dawn Murphy if you have additional questions (dmurphy@chathamcharter.org.)