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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Charlotte Community. Charlotte is a community where black and orange "Oriole Pride" runs deep and where one of our best qualities is the collaboration and support between the community and school district.

Located just 20 minutes south of Lansing and 35 minutes north of Battle Creek, in the heart of Charlotte, MI, Charlotte Public Schools has become a regional leader in STEM, fine and performing arts and for successfully preparing our students for life after their K-12 experience.

With an area of approximately 124 square miles and a population of just over 9,000, we offer educational services to 2,465 K-12 students. Our district provides a holistic approach to education aimed at developing the whole person.

Our early elementary school, two lower elementary schools, upper elementary school, and middle school, along with a high school and early middle college boast state of the art facilities, many with brand new STEM laboratories, access to first rate robotic programs and 1-to-1 technology ratio.

In addition, our Aquatic Center, Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC) and athletic complex provide our students with access to additional learning opportunities and resources and have become essential resources for the broader community. These state-of-the-art facilities are safe and exceptionally cared for. At Charlotte Public Schools we take pride in making sure our community's investment in our district is well maintained.

At CPS we're committed to all learners and want to ensure that every student has access to educational opportunities that match their learning styles, from early education to college prep

and AP classes to technical and vocational training. We offer a full-service child-care program at our Weymouth Child Development Center. With the addition of Project Success, we remain committed to ensuring that no student slips through the cracks and those students better served with non-traditional programming have a viable alternative.

Charlotte Public Schools focuses on delivering rigorous, high quality, guaranteed curriculum to all of our students. We offer a wide array of unique opportunities including: STEM programming for all K-12 students; courses in robotics, engineering, and agriculture; advanced placement courses; on-site post-secondary college courses; and career/technical training programs. All courses offered ensure that each student has the chance to pursue their passion or fulfill their talent.

We are one of only a handful of districts in the state to participate in nationally recognized programs such as Harvard Model Congress and Future Farmers of America (FFA). We offer award-winning fine arts programs as well as our competitive athletic programs. We're also incredibly proud of the extensive advanced placement, career and technical training and Early Middle College offerings we continue to update and expand upon. Our students can now earn career and technical certifications and more than 60 college credits from some of our partner universities at no cost to district families.

Our District is financially stable even in today's uncertain fiscal times. We have maintained strong student programming in spite of the challenges presented to us and remain committed to doing what is right for our students. Charlotte Public Schools consistently ranks in the top of the state for administrative cost effectiveness. This means more money going directly into our classrooms.

We are proud of what we have to offer your student. It is our vision to be known for creating a culture of academic excellence and helping our students to be well-rounded by offering a variety of extra-curricular, co-curricular and unique educational opportunities. We are your student's partner in preparing for tomorrow, making sure they are prepared to compete and succeed in the global marketplace.

It is a wonderful time to be an Oriole. We encourage you to stop in for a visit or give us a call. Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!



WEYMOUTH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Weymouth Child Development Center is Charlotte Public Schools' child care center. Located at 346 State Street and part of our District's central campus, Weymouth is the perfect fit for your child with low adult to child ratios and highly qualified staff, along with the use of a nationally recognized curriculum. The program accommodates children from 6 weeks up to 12 years and provides educationally-based care, using The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers, provides children with the highest standards in early education. Weymouth features a host of amenities including, full meal service (breakfast, snack, and lunch), infant diaper service, gymnasium, field trips, three outdoor play areas and more.

School Age programs, including before and after school care, no school days and school vacation camps, focus on team building and character development. The arts and humanities, health, wellness and fitness, literacy, science, and technology are integrated into daily and weekly activities. The Center facility has multiple classroom spaces allowing for division of age groups to ensure developmentally appropriate activities for all children.

In addition, Weymouth also offers special presentations and activities on a regular basis like Zumba, swimming at the Charlotte Aquatic Center and fire safety. We also provide

families with special events throughout the year that focus on child development, parent involvement, and school readiness.

Transportation is provided at no extra charge to Galewood Early Elementary, Washington Elementary, Parkview Elementary, Charlotte Upper Elementary, and Charlotte Middle School. Hours of operation for Charlotte Public Schools Child Care are Monday - Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. year-round.

For more information on our programs, please visit our website at https://www.charlottenet.org/child_care.html or contact our office at (517) 541-5181 to schedule a tour.



DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

Charlotte Public Schools is proud to offer one of the few Developmental Kindergarten programs in the area. We believe a more comprehensive approach ensures our students are prepared to succeed throughout their academic experience in Charlotte and that placement should be based on when they are ready to move on rather than birthday alone.

We understand that while many children may be intellectually ready for kindergarten, they may not be socially, emotionally or physically ready. Difficulty sitting still, being shy or withdrawn in social situations or needing additional time to work on large or fine motor coordination may be indicators that our Developmental Kindergarten is the right place for your child to start their journey.

This is the first of a two-year program for growing and learning in a carefully planned environment with our highly-trained teachers. This program will ensure your student is prepared for kindergarten and have the right skills to master it. To ensure this program is the best fit for your child we assess their readiness for school and along with your input determine which placement is best for your child.

Many of the skills required to have the best Kindergarten experience take time to develop. Our Developmental Kindergarten program is meant to help enhance those skills in your child to ensure they are as successful as possible when they enter Kindergarten. We want our DK students to have time to explore and experiment and develop more independence and process-oriented thinking they will need in Kindergarten.



Most of the stresses of school aren't academic but social, physical and emotional. A child that is not ready to cope with these challenges and is placed in kindergarten can experience stress and inhibition of growth as a whole person. This program will help your student grow in a balanced way. The additional year helps students acquire the skills, confidence, and maturity that are foundational for success in school.

To find out how to enroll and more about our Developmental Kindergarten, please visit: <https://www.charlottenet.org/dk>



GALEWOOD EARLY ELEMENTARY

Developmental Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Early Childhood Special Education

We have a strong sense of pride at Galewood Early Elementary School. We are pleased to be re-establishing ourselves within the community and look forward to becoming the premier destination for early childhood instruction within Eaton County.

The early elementary years are a critical component in education. At Galewood, our goal is to provide a solid foundation on which our youngsters will construct understanding for a lifetime—hence our brand promise: “Our Roots Start Here.” Galewood Early Elementary boasts a diverse student population within developmental kindergarten (DK) and kindergarten, as well as early childhood special education (ECSE). We deliver a program that focuses upon the whole child (i.e. socially, emotionally, physically, academically) as well as their unique interests and needs.

Rooted in evidence-based, developmentally appropriate instructional practices, we strive to promote engaged learners, high expectations for all, cooperation, and wellness and safety. Further, we nurture the gifts and talents of all of our students leading them to become well rounded individuals. In addition to physical education, fitness, music and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics), our students have ample opportunity to participate in activities that enrich the general curriculum including literacy and math night, book fairs, student performances, iPad initiatives, off-campus field trips, as well as school-wide positive behavior interventions & supports.

Parental involvement is crucial to our success at Galewood. As partners in the academic process, they play a crucial role in the overall vitality of our school. Through an array

of workshops held in conjunction with community-based agencies, parents are provided with opportunities to further their own livelihood all the while enriching the lives of their children.

To find out more about Galewood Early Elementary, please visit: <https://www.charlottenet.org/galewood.html>



PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Grades 1 – 3

Parkview Elementary brings a variety of learning opportunities to Charlotte students. Located on the rural outskirts of Charlotte, the school is surrounded by open fields and plentiful opportunities to learn and play outdoors. The goal of teachers and staff at Parkview is to ensure our students have access to our varied learning spaces and small group instruction, helping us to provide teaching which matches students learning styles.

Our talented teachers also strive to help our students develop their leadership skills and learn what it means to contribute to their communities in positive and meaningful ways. Some of those opportunities include community service projects, clubs, and before or after school activities. We make sure that students not only understand what it means to have Oriole Pride, but that they're living by those principles.

Charlotte Public Schools has aggressively pursued curriculum to better prepare our kids for the careers of the future. Parkview has recently updated all of our STEM laboratories, making sure our students have access to 21st century learning opportunities. We're also proud to offer the FIRST Robotics program that continues all the way through high school. Charlotte has been proud to host several regional and state robotics

competitions and it speaks to the strength of our program. Even as we provide these opportunities, we've maintained some of the traditional enrichment classes at the elementary level such as music, technology, physical education and health. We strive to focus on the whole child.

One of the most exciting partnerships we enjoy at Parkview is with our Parent/Teacher Organization which each month sponsors a student activity like family fun night, book fair, math night, and all of our school assemblies. The PTO has also been instrumental in fundraising to provide teacher mini-grants so that our teachers can provide even more opportunities to enhance student learning.

Parkview is the largest elementary school in Charlotte. Our size is a strength as we operate as a family. Part of that commitment is making sure we acknowledge each student for following behavior expectations, making sure we're enhancing students' abilities, teaching them to be leaders and helping them reach any goal they set for themselves. We're excited about having your student as part of our family and hope you'll visit us and see our students having fun and learning every day!

To find out more, please visit: <https://www.charlottenet.org/parkview.html>



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Grades 1 – 3

At Washington Elementary our commitment to excellence began more than 60 years ago and continues undiminished today. With plenty of outdoor space for learning, exploring and fun, Washington Elementary is conveniently located near the heart of the city, making it incredibly accessible. Our halls and classrooms are imbued with Oriole Pride and we live it every day with safety, respect being a top priority and where students are taught to accept responsibility for their learning and actions. This culture we've built and encourage at Washington ensures students can feel comfortable developing their knowledge, skills and talents that will propel them into the bright future that awaits them.

Washington has new, state of the art STEM laboratories, offers the FIRST Robotics program and a curriculum designed to prepare our students with a foundation for 21st century learning opportunities. With programs that span their entire academic journey in Charlotte, we believe it's important to give them the skills to succeed later on. Charlotte has always excelled in our agricultural programs, fine and performing arts and our band programs, and at Washington we ensure students are ready to take on those challenges through access to a variety of traditional enrichment classes.

Our dedicated and highly-trained teachers and support staff provide research-based instruction to best meet the individual needs of the students. Washington students are

nurtured in personal growth, becoming inspired through the variety of learning experiences offered.

While core academic areas expand the minds of our students, we understand there is more to helping them develop into a whole person. With daily hands-on math "games", Science Day and Night sessions, social studies interactive field trips, and more, we make sure time spent is not only instructive but fun too!

Community service projects help our students understand the importance of giving back, guided by our experienced team. We pride ourselves on helping students develop the character and traits necessary to becoming leaders and good citizens within their communities.

Washington wouldn't be what it is without our incredible and engaged parents and families! We welcome the involvement of each volunteer and our amazing Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) in the classroom as well as the parents who take the time to talk with teachers at the end of the day. Our partnerships provide the enhancements that excite the students, adding significantly to their educational experience. Students and staff alike recognize that they are part of a special family who learn and have fun together. Come and see for yourself!

To find out more about Washington Elementary School, please visit: <https://www.charlottenet.org/washington.html>





CHARLOTTE UPPER ELEMENTARY

Grades 4 – 6

At Charlotte Upper Elementary, commonly called the “CUE,” our students are greeted each day by the smiling faces of our excellent teaching and support staff. The CUE handles grades 4–6 and opened in 2010, making us the newest school in Charlotte and we’re housed in the newest building in the District that we share with the Charlotte Middle School. Our relative “newness” doesn’t detract from the reputation for excellence we’ve developed in that time.

Our success hinges on our relationships with the community, our students and their families. Our modern building means that our classrooms and instructional space is setup based on the latest in educational research, allowing us to tailor our high-quality instruction to meet individual student needs.

The CUE provides a safe, nurturing, and positive environment where we empower students to be proactive, productive, and independent thinkers. We have high learning expectations for all students and foster respect for the individual needs of our learners, while offering active educational experiences that balance the social, emotional, and physical development of our age group.

The 1-to-1 iPad program has been launched in our building, and in addition to our newly designed and renovated STEM labs, allows us to take advantage of state-of-the-art teaching methods and technology to improve learning for all students and prepare them for the future.

At Charlotte Upper Elementary we approach learning in a holistic fashion to ensure we help your student develop into a whole person. Our well-rounded curriculum offers students access to numerous special classes like art, physical education, swimming, music, band, writing, and technology.

We encourage our students to pursue their passions and develop other interests and our robust offering of student clubs reflects that. Students can participate in Robotics Club, Art Club, Recycling Club, Fitness Club, Chess Club, and Fuel Up to Play 60 and more. We continue to expand our club offerings in order to engage students and create a culture where each and every student feels like they belong.

Our success at Charlotte Upper Elementary is dependent on the partnerships that we make with the community. One community partnership that is especially strong is with our Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO has been active in supporting classroom teachers and students at the CUE through fundraisers, donations, and volunteerism. The PTO sponsors and organizes numerous events throughout the year like carnivals, book fairs, and car shows. We are always available if you’d like to come and see what we’re all about. At the CUE, you matter. At the CUE, you are welcome. At the CUE, we will make a difference. At the CUE, we will succeed. Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!

For more information on Charlotte Upper Elementary, please visit: https://www.charlottenet.org/charlotte_upper_el.html

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 7 – 8

Whether you are a parent, student, community member or someone considering relocating to the Charlotte area, let us take this opportunity to say “Welcome” to our school. Charlotte Middle School is a special place with much to offer – it is a place where students learn and develop to reach their individual potential. It is a place where students are cared for and prepared to do great things in high school and beyond.

Charlotte Middle School is the newest building in the Charlotte Public School system with 400 7th and 8th grade students offering a balanced blend of mandatory and elective courses that provide a challenging and stimulating education. Our program has been planned to provide students with a learning environment that is based upon an expectation of responsible, respectful and safe behavior. Our staff of dedicated professionals is committed to providing the best education experience available.

The mandatory curriculum centers on academic offerings that include science, math, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), language arts, social studies, Spanish, physical education, and health. The elective curriculum includes physical education, technology, art, choir and/or band.

The extra-curricular offerings include a wide variety of interscholastic sports, clubs, activity afternoons, and assemblies that allow students new and different experiences. Charlotte Middle School embarked upon a new adventure during the 2011–2012 school year as every student received his or her own iPad for the school year. We have continued with the 1-to-1 device initiative and have been amazed at the academic applications and impact of this great tool. Charlotte Middle School is a state-of-the-art facility designed with balancing instructional needs while keeping safety a primary consideration in the building design. The facility offers great flexibility in use of its space for instruction, athletics and events. The large gymnasium, which is one of three physical education areas, seats over 1,000 people allowing for schoolwide assemblies and performances.



To better maximize the use of the day the building also has a cafeteria and a cafetorium to ensure optimal delivery of service. Band and choir spaces are located at the opposite end of the building from core academic areas to keep the louder activities from interfering with quieter instructional delivery. We are proud of all that Charlotte Middle School has to offer our students, families, staff, and community. Please contact our office to schedule a tour or find out more information about our quality programs and facilities. You may also visit us online at: https://www.charlottenet.org/charlotte_middle_school.html

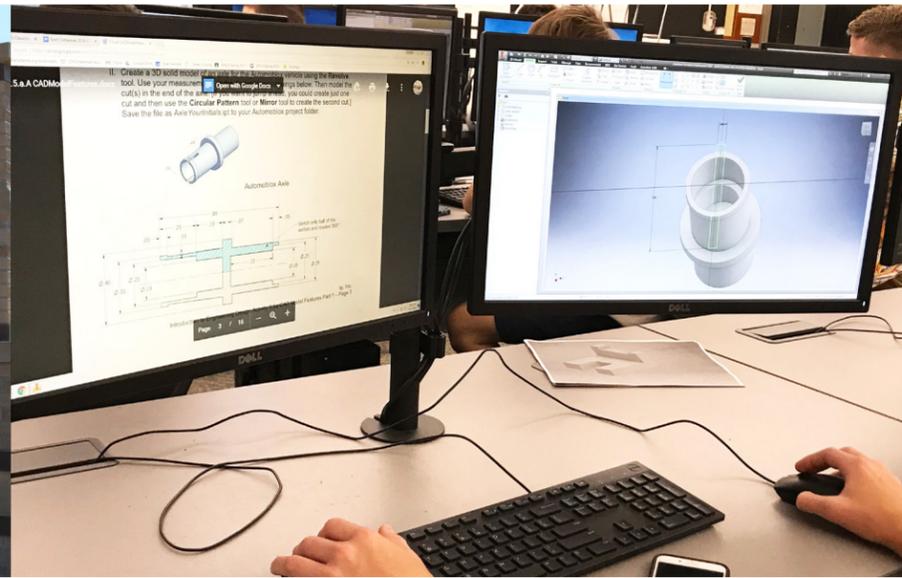
HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9 – 12

Charlotte High School boasts a forward thinking and student-centered learning environment. Steeped in over 100 years of tradition, CHS excels in academics and extra curriculars. Driven by the mantra of Oriole Pride, CHS is a high school on the rise, emerging as a leader both regionally and in the state in many key areas. From interventions, after school and lunch time tutoring, Advanced Placement offerings, to the development of a truly data-driven scheduling model, CHS provides maximum opportunities for all students. We're also proud to announce Charlotte High School is one of only seven schools in the state to be recognized as a Level 1 Marzano High Reliability School. The Marzano framework of evaluating schools is a five-stage program based on 40 years of educational experience and recognizes that Charlotte Schools are a place where all students learn the content and skills they need for success in college, careers, and beyond.

A strong career and technical education program, a specialized fine arts conservatory, and exponential growth in Advanced Placement enrollment illustrate the school's commitment to provide students with the skills they need to be successful in high school and beyond.

Through special partnerships with Michigan State University, Lansing Community College, Ferris State University, Olivet College, Davenport University and more, seniors can earn more than 60 transferrable college credits – free to students – while still in high school and the Early Middle College program. These college opportunities and the fact that Charlotte offers more AP classes than 90 percent of the area make Charlotte a leader in preparing students for whatever comes next in their journey.



Partnerships with organizations like Project Lead the Way and FIRST Robotics give students the upper hand in the fields of math, science, engineering, and technology. A nationally recognized band program and a professional-quality performing arts center coupled with award winning, successful athletics and a wide variety of clubs and organizations, allow students to graduate with a well-rounded education grounded in achievement and performance.

Myriad successful community partnerships, including Relay for Life, food and clothing drives, and student participation in area volunteer events, also allow CHS students to understand what it means to be a part of a community and to serve beyond themselves. Students meet with local leaders on a regular basis to learn firsthand what it takes to be a successful business owner and citizen. Seniors engage in school and community pride projects as part of their senior year experience and having one of the only Harvard Model Congress chapters in the state means CHS students are more prepared for leadership roles in the community, life and career than their peers.

From the homecoming parade to the classroom, CHS continually strives to create the lasting partnerships that strengthen both the school and community. With the addition of Project Success, a program for students who fare better in a non-traditional high school schedule and approach, Charlotte has strengthened its commitment to all learners and our desire to see our students succeed.

Parents have multiple opportunities to engage as well, through online grade book systems, a parent school

improvement team, and a principal's email list, along with the usual conferences and newsletters. The staff and administration firmly believe that parents are essential partners in the education of their students and parent voices are welcomed and encouraged daily.

Just as important is the phenomenal teaching staff at CHS, which is second to none. Their expertise (more than half of the teaching staff at Charlotte Public Schools has an advanced degree), and willingness to do whatever it takes to help kids succeed means their constantly driven to find innovative ways to meet student needs. Forward thinking and incorporating the most current educational research, assessment and grading methods into their classes, their efforts have further maximized student opportunities to excel. Having better SAT performance than state and national averages, more than 24 career and trade certifications available and our Early Middle College program continues to reaffirm why Charlotte is considered one of the best high schools in the region.

Charlotte High School is proud of the work that it has accomplished, and proud of its students, while constantly and consistently striving to improve student achievement and college or career readiness. At CHS, Oriole Pride is a way of life, and the results of the hard work of its students, community, parents, and staff will continue to move it along an upward trajectory. Charlotte is an outstanding place to learn and grow, and it is proud to build upon its tradition of success. Go Orioles!

To find out more about CHS, please visit: https://www.charlottenet.org/charlotte_high_school.html

CHARLOTTE EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE

The Charlotte Early Middle College represents a unique and innovative approach to ensuring that students graduate with the skills they need to succeed in their chosen post-secondary pathways. All CEMC students sign on for a 13th year of school, which is spent enrolled in college courses as they work toward degrees and industry certifications. All costs are covered by Charlotte Public Schools in the 13th year. Comprised of three distinct programs, the CEMC is designed to meet students where they are and help prepare them for life after high school.

The three programs are:

CHS C.A.R.E.S. (Collegiate Academic Responsive Education System) – Designed for students who may need extra support to meet graduation requirements, this program matches students and career programs through our partnerships with Eaton RESA and Lansing Community College. Students spend half of their day at LCC in the ERESA Career Tech program, and half of their day working on high school graduation requirements in a competency-based system. They spend their 13th year at LCC working on furthering their education in their chosen fields. The number of credits earned varies based on the program.

BULLDOG ACADEMY – The Bulldog Academy leverages our current relationship with Ferris State University to allow students to earn 60-61 college credits. Students take all of our FSU classes here on site, and then take courses at LCC and FSU in their 13th year. This program is designed for students who are planning on attending LCC or a four-year college after graduation.

CAPITAL REGION TECHNICAL EARLY COLLEGE – This program is a partnership with Eaton RESA through their Career and Technology Education programs. Students who enroll in this program spend half of their day at LCC or Davenport University and half of their day in classes at CHS, and then work on finishing credentials and career certifications with LCC or Davenport in their 13th year. This program is designed to meet the needs of students who have specific college and career goals that align to the pathways that are offered.



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PROJECT SUCCESS

Charlotte Public Schools Project Success represents an innovative approach to helping all students succeed. The program is designed to allow students to move through high school curriculum and graduation requirements at a pace that is dictated by their learning, in a true competency and project-based system. The curriculum is individualized for students and coursework is built to ensure that the students are only learning content that will be necessary for successful graduations and preparation for life after high school. Students will earn credits when they master the standards for a given course, whether it takes them three weeks or three months. The program staff focuses heavily on building strong relationships with students and providing them the support that they need in a small class-size environment. In addition, students learn valuable skills needed for career and/or college success through either an LCC or co-op experience, or through a community engagement course.

In short, this is a program designed to meet students where they are and help them build a transcript and skills that allow them to succeed in high school and beyond. Students are required to complete all Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) courses, which allows them to

earn a high school diploma.

Project Success students can still take part in CHS events like prom, graduation, sporting events, etc. if they are in good standing. Arrangements will also be made with coaches and advisers for any eligible students who would like to participate in extracurricular activities.

The hours for Project Success students are 9:30 a.m. - 4:35 p.m. Lunch is offered daily and can be purchased from school (or provided free for qualifying students). The program meets in a designated area at Charlotte High School. Students who do not participate in LCC or co-op programs will be enrolled in a community engagement class. The students and their teacher will plan and implement projects throughout the school and community. Through this process, they will learn valuable career and soft skills that will help them succeed in the future.

Students simply need to fill out an application for entry into Project Success. The application and more information can be found online at: <https://www.charlottenet.org/project-success/>

Questions can be directed to the Charlotte High School principal, Dr. Bill Barnes, at 517-541-5601 or at barnesw@charlottenet.org.

ORIOLE ATHLETICS

Charlotte Public Schools has a strong commitment to our extra-curricular activities. The community takes great pride in their athletic programs and offerings at the middle school and high school. Charlotte is a Division 2 school district. We schedule a strong level of competition for our teams. We are currently in the Capital Area Athletic Conference. The schools are a culmination of Lansing and surrounding area schools. It is a very competitive conference which helps to prepare our teams for the MHSAA state tournaments.

Charlotte Public Schools has some of the finest athletic facilities in the area. Our high school gymnasium, the "Dome," is known statewide for its grandeur and history. The Ron Schultheiss Athletic Complex for track, soccer, and football is second to none. Our facilities are rigorously maintained, updated regularly and irrigated through installed sprinkler systems ensuring they remain among the best in the greater Lansing area.

Students can begin getting involved in our official organized sports in middle school, creating a talent pipeline that prepares them to eventually compete at the varsity level. Charlotte Public Schools has 20 varsity sports. We work hard with our varsity coaches to help provide cohesive programs from grades 7-12.

At Charlotte, we feel that athletics can help to teach our student athletes some of the greatest lessons in life. Our athletes learn commitment, perseverance, and team work; they learn attitude, responsibility, and accountability. These qualities help to make a well-rounded student and prepares Charlotte students for wherever life takes them after high school.

To find out more about our programs or to purchase a season pass, please call us at (517) 541-5160 or visit: <https://www.charlottenet.org/athletics.html>

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

Charlotte Public Schools is proud to introduce the new Youth Recreation Program. This collaborative program has been developed to enhance the quality of recreation programs for the youth of Charlotte. Charlotte Public Schools believes youth recreation contributes to the development and well-being of individual students in our community. The CPS Youth Recreation Program provides a quality, unified program for our students to stay active and learn lessons that team sports can instill in our young people.

Our program values are simple yet important to understand:

- Offer a wide range of recreation programs for the youth in our community at a reasonable cost.
- Increase participation numbers for our youth, along

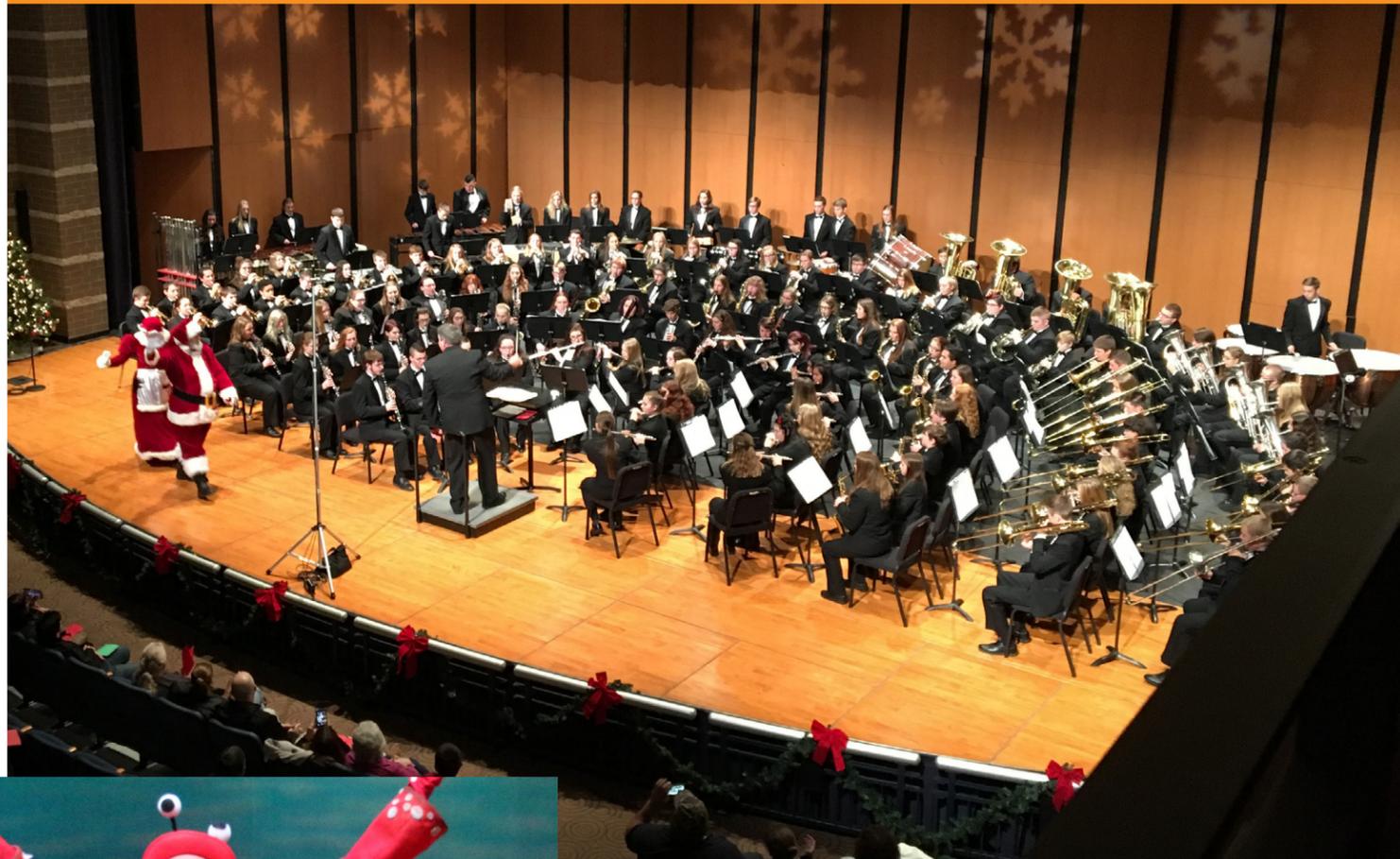
with programming enhancements that expose our youth to basic fundamentals in a variety of sports.

- Be a conduit to provide feedback regarding the involvement of varsity coaches and athletes in youth programs.
- Enable a culture of active students and families by promoting healthy lifestyles.
- And, provide youth recreation programs with high quality coaches, volunteers, and community involvement for our younger student athletes.

We look forward to providing an exceptional experience for your child. Please reach out to us to learn more about our youth recreation opportunities at (517) 541-5740.

Go Orioles!

CHARLOTTE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



A walk through our Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC) by day brings the melodic sounds of Oriole Bands, a little further on and the choirs' voice lifts the spirits. A walk through the Charlotte Performing Arts Center by night is just as likely to bring along the sounds of saws, drills, and hammers as one of the many productions is prepared for its public debut on stage.

The Charlotte Public Schools alone produces in excess of 50 shows on stage at the performing arts center throughout the year. Add on another 35 shows produced by community groups renting the space, sprinkle in eight Arts for Youth performances, toss in a few assemblies for the schools, some professional productions, and top it off with a two-week summer theatre camp that includes producing a 45-minute one-act theatrical performance and you get the ingredients that make up our Charlotte Performing Arts Center.

Much of the technical support is provided by a trained crew of Charlotte High School students. The student tech crew is under the direct leadership of the Technical Coordinator at our Charlotte Performing Arts Center. The Technical Coordinator spends time training students in the arts of stage lighting, sound design (for both live reinforcement and recording), set construction, use of the fly rail and rigging system, and other basics of technical theatre production. The crew totals approximately 15 students. As these students progress and develop they are then eligible to work paid technical positions on the community rentals and profes-

sional touring shows that visit our Charlotte Performing Arts Center each year.

The Arts for Youth program series brings in national touring shows that play to just short of 2,000 students in kindergarten through sixth grade in Charlotte and the surrounding communities. In addition, the Arts for Youth Onstage Experience has been developed. Through this program, Charlotte fourth through eighth grade students will be taking the stage in a play or musical production. Students from Charlotte Upper Elementary and Charlotte Middle School come together to study and experience first-hand the art of theatre and gain the self-confidence and achievement of producing live entertainment to give back to the Charlotte community.

The Arts for Youth program is generously supported by contributions from area businesses and service clubs. Many community groups including the Lansing Concert Band, Eaton Area Senior Center and the Homeschool Performing Arts use our Charlotte Performing Arts Center for yearly productions. The Charlotte Performing Arts Center has also welcomed the Andromeda Community Theatre Company, the Western Michigan University Brass Ensemble and Western Michigan University Band (in a joint concert with the Charlotte High School Symphonic Band), to name just a few.

To learn more about all of the exciting programs coming to our Charlotte Performing Arts Center, please visit <https://www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com> or call the box office at (517)-541-5690.

AQUATIC CENTER

The Charlotte Aquatic Center was designed as a multi-use facility with two pools for people of all ages. The facility serves as a teaching station for school physical education classes, a source of recreation to the community, and home to Charlotte Orioles varsity swimming.

The entire facility is climate controlled, including air-conditioned student and separate adult locker rooms. There are also three family changing rooms for those with small children. The competition pool has balcony seating for 250 spectators, a shallow swim area with underwater benches, a lap swim area, and a deep diving well with a one-meter springboard. The adjacent therapy pool is maintained at a higher air and water temperature and is equipped with an underwater bench and jets for spa capabilities. The facility is state-of-the-art, but just as important is what happens inside its doors.

Along with serving Charlotte Public Schools, the Aquatic Center also offers many opportunities for recreation and learning for the community. Guests can drop in for daily open swim and membership options are available. The facility is also available for group rentals and birthday parties any time of the year. American Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons, SCUBA certification, along with many other health and safety related courses are offered throughout the year.

There are also several swim teams and clubs for students and youth of the community to become involved in. The Charlotte Aquatic Center is home to boys and girls varsity and middle school swim teams as well as the Tiger Sharks swim team. These teams provide students of all ages the opportunity to grow and compete with teams from across the state.

From novice to advanced, there is a place for every athlete on our swim teams. From physical education classes to leisure time swimming, there is something for everyone to enjoy. The Charlotte Aquatic Center is a tremendous resource for our students and community. We hope to see you soon!

Visit www.swimcharlotte.org or call (517) 541-5740 to learn more about the Aquatic Center's offerings.





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