



March Madness has begun, and I'm not referring to basketball. With only two weeks until Spring Break and the end of 3rd quarter, our Broncos are needing continuous reminders about our expectations at school for behavior, work completions, dress code, and more. Please take time this weekend to reinforce the importance of staying on track for success as we make our way through the last 11 weeks of school.

1. Bailey vs Davidson K8 Staff Charity Basketball Game – Come cheer the

Broncos on as our teachers, staff and basketball teams battle against the Davidson K8 teachers and staff in support of a great local organization. Each school is only given 500 tickets so purchase yours early. Game time is 6:30 on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Hough High School. **Students must come with an adult to this event.** NO PHYSICAL TICKETS will be issued, so bring your purchase confirmation email. There is a limit to ticket quantities, so get yours fast! All proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit the Ada Jenkins Center, which provides services for kids and families in our local community for many years. Please use this link to purchase tickets for Bailey Families: <https://davidsonpto.company.site/Bailey-Charity-Basketball-Game-Tickets-p547838297>

2. **Vaping Information for Parents** – Please see the attached link to “Behind the Haze” website. <https://behindthehaze.com/>

3. **Riding a Bus** – We continue to receive notes from parents to allow students to ride home on the bus with other students. Please know in advance that these requests will not be approved since only students who are assigned to specific buses based on their address are permitted to ride that bus. If you have an emergency or will be out of town, please make arrangements with a family member, friend, or neighbor to pick up your Bronco.

4. **Attention 8th Grade Families** - This week will conclude your Bronco’s high school registration with the Hough High School Counselors coming to meet one-on-one with your Bronco to finalize their high school class selections. It is imperative that your student is present and on time as there are no make-ups for this meeting. Hough Counselors will be onsite Monday March 18th and Tuesday March 19th only and your Bronco will be given a pass with their specific date and time to meet with their counselor. Hough does not allow students to change their schedule next year, so this is their opportunity to make any final adjustments if need be.

5. **Poetry Residents at Bailey** – We are excited to welcome BreatheINK into our seventh grade ELA classrooms next week. In December 2021, BreatheINK became an official nonprofit organization, dedicated to creating safe spaces for Charlotte youth to form their own arts community and inform students throughout Mecklenburg County about the importance and impact of poetry on their lives. Thanks to a generous grant from the Arts and Science Council (ASC), Bailey is able to invite poets to conduct a weeklong poetry workshop with our seventh-grade students. We will be sharing photos and updates via our various social media platforms. If you are a parent of a seventh grader, please ask your Bronco what they enjoyed about this poetry residency and then give a shout out on Social Media to ASC for helping to make this happen!

Create a Great Weekend,

Chad Thomas
Principal



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Accompanist - Mark Burleson

TUESDAY

★ **APRIL 9, 2024**

7:00

P.M.

★ **Free**

★ **NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
AUDITORIUM** ★

Featured Schools & Directors

BAILEY MS - BETH COLDIRON,
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SCHOOL - MICHAEL T. SANDERS,
MYERS PARK HS - JULIA LATHAN,
NWSA - AARON LAFRENIERE,
RANDOLPH IB MS - JONI WAGONER,
REA FARMS STEAM ACADEMY - PARKER COMELLA

Special thanks to CMS and
Justin Pierce - Visual Arts and Dance Specialist

MARCH 27TH

6-7 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOOTBALL
NIGHT**

**THIS EVENT IS INTENDED FOR STUDENTS
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HOUGH'S ATTENDANCE SCHOOL ZONE.**

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Help Support Broncos Athletics

CMS does not fund middle school sports, therefore our athletic booster club has to raise money to help support our athletic programs at Bailey Middle School.

- New uniforms
- Safety equipment
- Travel expenses
- Field maintenance
- Essential sports equipment
- Support items (storage lockers, ice machine, washer/dryer)
- Player Awards/Team banquets




Please click the “DONATE” button and text or email the fundraiser page to share with family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. who can help support BMS athletics.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”



Volunteers
Needed!



*Welcome
Desk
Sign-Up*



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49AAAB29A5FE3-bailey#/>

Join one or more of our Virtual Events to help support your emotional and mental health!

➤ **March 5 @ 5:00 pm. Building Self Esteem**

Target Audience: High School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3wEmOhE>

➤ **March 7 @ 5:00. Building Self Esteem**

Target Audience: Middle School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3wzMpIQ>

➤ **March 12 @ 5:00. Building Self Esteem**

Target Audience: 3rd-5th Grades

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3uOQckO>

➤ **March 14 @ 5:00. Boosting Self Esteem Through Affirmations**

Target Audience: High School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/4bWdfef>

➤ **March 19 @ 5:00. Boosting Self Esteem Through Affirmations**

Target Audience: Middle School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/49Pu6h3>

➤ **March 21 @ 5:00. Boosting Self Esteem with Positive Self Talk**

Target Audience: 3rd-5th Grades

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/49QLZRj>

➤ **March 26 @ 5:00. Self Discovery and Self Esteem**

Target Audience: High School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/4bPzxOP>

➤ **March 28 @ 5:00. Self Discovery and Self Esteem**

Target Audience: Middle School

Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/3TdVxvm>



SPARC is pleased to present these virtual trainings through the support of MeckHope. These groups are open to any school aged youth in Mecklenburg County.

- Registration is required. The groups are limited to 8 individuals.
- Click on the link to register to register to attend any event you're interested in. Registration closes 2 hours prior to an event beginning.
- Parent/Guardian consent is required for any youth to participate. The link to the consent form is included with the registration. You only need to complete the consent one time, not for each group attended.
- If you register for an event and we do not have the completed consent form 2 hours prior to the event, you will be contacted by the facilitator and will not be allowed to join the event.
- Each month, there will be a new series of group topics to choose from.
- You can participate in as many groups as you wish
- Contact us at sparc referrals@thesparcnetwork.net with any questions



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- MORES is a team-based crisis response service that will respond w/in 1 Hour of the member/guardian call asking for help for their child.
 - **MORES is available for Telephonic Response 24/7**
 - **MORES is available for In Person Response:** Monday-Friday 6:00 am-9:00 am, Monday-Friday 2:00 pm-10:00 pm and Saturday from 1:00-7:00 pm
 - The parent/guardian may be requesting help for a child who is experiencing an emotional or behavioral crisis.
- MORES is a service that is intended to prevent placement into more restrictive settings, unnecessary court involvement, and declines in functioning.
 - MORES can also be referred by a stakeholder such as DSS, DJJ, hospital, law enforcement, school personnel, etc to help support a child and family experiencing a crisis.
 - MORES is able to support children and their families all along the crisis continuum, including early crisis response as well as supporting discharge and transition from the ED/hospital setting
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 - Counseling
 - Behavioral assistance
 - Stabilization
 - Advocacy
 - Skill building
 - Medication management
 - Caregiver and youth engagement/support/stabilization services
 - Referral and linkage to services/supports

Referrals for MORES can be made by:

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- By Collateral/Stakeholder (DSS, DJJ, Hospital, Law Enforcement, School, BHUC, Mobil Crisis Team, etc Calling SPARC MORES Team at 704-614-8807
- By Collateral/Stakeholder Submitting referrals safely and efficiently through our online portal on our website www.sparcprograms.net and select Submit Referrals. Enter referral code 5152



This service is currently available to families living in Mecklenburg County who have Alliance as their Medicaid insurance provider

Contact Us:

MORES Direct #: 704-614-8807

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**To inquire contact :
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LAKE NORMAN YMCA

BUILDING STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE!

LIKE MANY OF US, 17-YEAR-OLD SUNSHINE HUGHETT TRIED A LOT OF NEW HOBBIES IN 2020, TO BALANCE BEING STUCK INSIDE DURING THE MONTHS OF THE PANDEMIC.

"I got bored and tried new things, but none of them really stuck," says Sunshine. "I knew I wanted to be active and spend time around other people."

Her sister began working out at the Lake Norman YMCA in Cornelius, and Sunshine wanted to join her—but didn't have a clue what activity she wanted to participate in! Helping people discover their athletic niche is an important goal of every YMCA branch, and Sunshine found her happy place as a member of the Student Athlete Program.

"During Covid, we saw with all the cancelled sports and activities, that teens were struggling," explains Julie Doerr, Healthy Living Director of the YMCA. "We wanted to provide them with an opportunity to connect with others and do something to promote good health."

The program meets two days a week, Monday and Wednesday, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Students work with a personal trainer to build strength, increase agility, and prevent injury, as well as learn how to safely spot and encourage others. Sunshine began weight training in September of 2021, and is pleased and proud of how far she has come!

A senior this year at Hough High School, Sunshine has her own motivation that she taps into on a daily basis. "There are certainly days I don't want to go. But I remember how far I have come


since I started, and how much I want to continue to improve." And she has already overcome one of her early obstacles.

"I was super shy when I started, and I was worried people were going to judge me because I hadn't done anything like that before," says Sunshine. "When I started doing classes, however, I realized no one was judging me! Everyone teaching and taking classes encouraged me to keep at it, because over time, I was getting better."

Sunshine usually works out a total of four or five days a week, and on days she is not doing the Student Athlete Program she is either lifting and working out on the YMCA's fitness floor, or participating in a small group functional training program. (She might also be found working on math homework in the lobby, when she's taking a break from lifting!)

Sunshine says dead lifts and back squats are her favorite exercises, and she has clear cut advice for other young people looking to become involved in a weight-lifting program.

"Ask questions!" she says! "When I started, I wasn't good at it, but the only way to improve is to practice, and be aware of what you are doing wrong. Don't stop! You might get discouraged or feel awkward at first, but after a while that starts to go away."

She does remember a time when she realized just how much the classes have meant to her. "During the summer my family usually has a lot going on, so when I couldn't drive myself, I couldn't be at the gym as much as I'd like," explains Sunshine. "Taking a break during that time made me realize how much I enjoyed being around everyone at the YMCA, and how important it was to me to show up." 

by MARTIE EMORY

Right now is the perfect time to contact your local YMCA to find your own wellness niche, and build your routine to be ready for spring and summer! Part of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte, the Lake Norman YMCA is located at 21300 Davidson Street in Cornelius, NC, and serves the Cornelius, Huntersville, and Davidson communities. Reach them by phone at 704-716-4499, or online at YMCACharlotte.org.





Eleventh Annual Summer Experience Fair

What will your kids be doing this summer?
The Summer Experience Fair has something for everyone

- Summer Day Camp information for children and teens
- Free food and refreshments
- Representatives from Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation, YMCA, and other local low-cost camps
- Community and educational resources
- Parents/guardians can apply for DSS camp assistance (**must show ID**)
- Summer Job Information for teens
- Charlotte Fire Dept. fire truck on display for kids to explore
- Lots of fun activities...You don't want to miss
- Triple P parenting education workshop—FREE OF CHARGE



When: Saturday, April 6, 2024
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (drop in)

Where: Valerie C Woodard Center

3205 Freedom Dr. Entrance D, Charlotte, NC 28206

Call 980-314-6235 for more information.

*All children must have adult supervision.
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