



# School News

## Important Dates Coming Soon

### Memorial Day observed

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) schools and offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day.

### Graduations start May 31

Graduations for the Class of 2018 begin in May. North Point High School is graduating 7 p.m. Friday, May 31. On June 1, Westlake High School graduates at 9 a.m.; Henry E. Lackey High School's ceremony is 2 p.m.; and Maurice J. McDonough High School graduates at 7 p.m. St. Charles High School will graduate at 9 a.m. June 2; with Thomas Stone High School graduating at 2 p.m.; and La Plata High School's ceremony at 7 p.m. All graduations will take place at the Charles County Convocation Center at North Point.

### Volunteer for grad party

Following graduation, members of the Class of 2018 can celebrate their achievements at Project Graduation on the night of their ceremony.

The party with free food, games, activities and gifts will be 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. May 31, June 1 and 2 at the PE building on the La Plata campus of the College of Southern Maryland. If you have a donation of a raffle prize, money or time, contact Jennifer Conley at 301-934-7335 or [jconley@ccboe.com](mailto:jconley@ccboe.com).

### Summer camps

CCPS Summer Enrichment camps will start up in June. Camps are for CCPS-enrolled students and residents of Charles County in kindergarten through ninth grade, according to the student's 2018-19 school year grade level.

The cost per camp session is \$90 per week with some camps requiring an extra \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials. Go to <http://www.ccboe.com/index.php/summer-camp-2018>.



## Next stop? Graduation

Robert D. Stethem Educational Center held a Career & Technology Education (CTE) recognition ceremony for students who took programs in automotive technician, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), interactive media production and pharmacy technician. Traci Chappellear-Thomas, left, coordinator of the Charles County Public Schools CTE program, congratulates Ky'Ming Jackson, a Westlake High School senior who studied interactive media production at Stethem. Fifty-seven students from the county's high schools were recognized during the May 15 ceremony. To read more, go to <http://www.ccboe.com/pr/stethem-holds-recognition-ceremony-for-cte-students/>.

## Conley honored for support of student leaders

Chances are, visitors to St. Charles High School will not find Principal Richard Conley holed up in his office. He's too busy walking around the school, interacting with students. "He's a very hands-on principal," said senior Keara Watkins, president of the school's Student Government Association (SGA). "We always see him out in the halls. He's concerned about students."

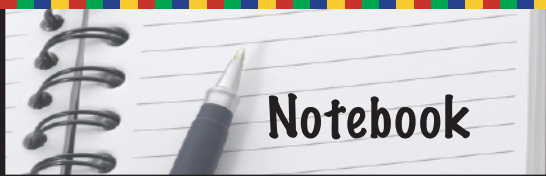
Conley's commitment to students was honored recently during the annual Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) convention in Ocean City where he was named the recipient of the Wayne Perry Principal of the Year award by the MASC. The award, named after a retired Harford County

principal and MASC supporter, is given each year to a Maryland principal who supports and cultivates student activities and leaders.

"The biggest way we can do this is by listening to our students," Conley said. "Through their organizations and clubs, our students have some great ideas and show us things that they are passionate about."

Conley was nominated by the Charles County Association of Students Councils (CCASC), a group made up of SGA members from around the county. Conley's nomination was in response to his support and guidance, and encouragement of student achievement, said Gary Winsett, a Thomas Stone High School teacher and CCASC advisor.

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## On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are teachers honored at the May 8 Board of Education meeting for their dedication to teaching and learning. From left are Susan Harris, a fifth-grade teacher at William A. Diggs Elementary School; Janis Milman, a science teacher at Thomas Stone High School; and Michelle Colbert, a teacher in the three-year-old program at J.P. Ryon Elementary School.

## STEM camps

Project-based learning camps are set for June and July at the James E. Richmond Science Center at St. Charles High School. The week-long camps are for students in fourth through eighth grades. Early bird registration is open until June 1, with camps starting June 18. Go to [www.ccboe.com/sciencecenter](http://www.ccboe.com/sciencecenter).

## School year wind down

The last day of school for students is June 15. The 2017-18 school year end dates for certificated employees are June 18 for 12-month teachers, June 28 for 11-month employees, June 22 for 10.5-month employees and June 18 for 10-month employees. The last day for 11-month support staff employees is June 28, June 29 for 10.5-month employees, June 18 for 10-month employees and June 18 for 10-month instructional assistants. The last day for 10-month food service managers and assistant managers is June 25 and June 18 for 10-month food service workers.

## Don't be crabby

The Education Association of Charles County (EACC) will hold its annual crab feast 3:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 at the Charles County Fairgrounds. Tickets are available from May 1 to Aug. 23 and must be purchased online. Early bird tickets are \$25 each through June 25. From June 26 to Aug. 23, tickets are \$35 per person. Admission includes all-you-can-eat crabs. Draught beer is \$1 with a maximum of four. Each employee can bring one guest who is not a CCPS employee and who must enter with the CCPS staff member — there will be no Will Call. Employees must have their staff identification and ticket to enter the event. For tickets, go to [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) and click on the registration tab.



St. Charles High School Principal Richard Conley, center, talks to seniors Keara Watkins, left, and Jonathon Moss about assignments they are wrapping up.

## Conley

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“Mr. Conley is at the forefront of efforts to have our students be positive role models in the community,” Winsett said.

“We’ve worked very hard at St. Charles to create a climate and culture in which our students feel that their voices are valued,” Conley said. Watkins can attest to that. “He comes to SGA meetings and if students don’t agree with a decision by administrators, he’ll explain that decision to us,” she said. School is a big part of a student’s life, Conley said. “We ask them to take it seriously and to help us make our schools the best places possible for them to learn.”

For that to happen, teachers and staff have to provide opportunities for students to dive into and lead.

“Once they’re in, they’re hooked and their involvement — and the involvement of their friends — grows from there,” he said.

When St. Charles opened in 2013, the student body was made up of students coming from other high schools. The Class of 2018 is the first that have been there since freshman year.

“Our students have been passionate since day one about making their school a place that they will be proud to graduate from,” Conley said. “Their passion has been infectious and students who have enrolled in following years have followed in their footsteps, giving us ideas on new programs, enhancements to existing ones and

feedback on what they believe works well and what could be improved in our school.”

The MASC is a state group for secondary students that encourages leadership development, student advocacy and communication.

According to MASC, principals are linked to a school’s success.

The Wayne Perry Principal of the Year award recognizes middle and high school principals who enable and empower student leaders and student organizations while maintaining high standards for all students.

Nominations are evaluated by a MASC selection committee that chooses the award recipient.

Past Charles County recipients of the award include the late John Cox of Westlake High School; Don Cooke, former principal of La Plata High School; Thomas Stone High School’s former principal, Heath Morrison; William Wise, the former principal of Mattawoman Middle School; and Chrystal Benson, Westlake’s former principal.

“This honor caught me completely by surprise,” Conley said. “I had no idea that our student leaders and SGA sponsor nominated me for this award, and I am incredibly humbled to have received it. I’m grateful to have the opportunity to work with a great group of educators and students each day.”



# Lackey's Jenkins named Mideast's SNA Employee of the Year

Earlier this school year, Henry E. Lackey High School food and nutrition worker Beverley Jenkins was recognized by the Maryland School Nutrition Association as its Employee of the Year. To Jenkins, her job is easy because she gets to support kids. "I just show up to work each day and make sure the kids are fed," she said.

News of Jenkins' commitment to children, her colleagues and the Lackey community spread and caught the attention of representatives from the national School Nutrition Association (SNA). Jenkins was recently nominated for national recognition and was selected as the School Nutrition Association 2018 Mideast Employee of the Year.

Jenkins said she first learned of her national award news when the president of the SNA called her. "I did not know I was even being considered. I was speechless. I had to ask her to repeat herself several times. I am so surprised at the magnitude of it all," Jenkins said.

Lackey senior Kiana Wade said she is not surprised that Jenkins was recognized for what she does. "She carries a good head on her shoulders and is respectful to everyone. She is nice to all of the students and loves her job. I am not surprised at all that she received an award," Wade said.

Jenkins is well known among her colleagues and the school community for putting the health and well-being of children first. She has worked at Lackey for the past 20 years and was instrumental in the launch of the school's second-chance breakfast program in 2011. Through this program, students can stop at a kiosk after their first period class to buy a meal, which they can eat during the start of second block. Since the program began, the number of students eating breakfast at Lackey has tripled.

Jenkins is kind, welcoming and genuine in her interactions with students. Her commitment to her job is clear in that she takes pride in what she does. She participates in school spirit activities, supports students at athletics events and goes out of her way to make sure students are fed. Moreover, she does all this with a smile.

Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Hill said Jenkins is a role model for her colleagues. "Beverley exemplifies the motto of Charles



**Beverley Jenkins, a 20-year Henry E. Lackey High School employee, was named the 2018 Mideast School Nutrition Association Employee of the Year.**

County Public Schools' Food and Nutrition Services Office. We feed the future and are very proud of the work she does each and every day at Lackey. She has built positive relationships with students and her coworkers. She is a model for others to follow. We are all very proud of the work she has done and happy that her work has been recognized at the national level," Hill said.

Crystal Richardson is a supervisor of food and nutrition services for the school system. She refers to Jenkins as a true asset to children in Charles County. "Beverley is an exceptional employee and true asset to Charles County Public Schools. Her dedication to her job is only surpassed by her commitment to the students at Lackey," Richardson said. Jenkins said she was excited about the honor, but still humbled to be honored for doing something she simply loves. "I just enjoy the kids. They are teenagers but they are kids, just trying to find their way in life. I like to teach them to focus on their needs. They just need our support. They are our future," Jenkins said.

## Lunch on Us program starts June 25, runs through Aug. 17

Lunch on Us is a free lunch program for all children ages 18 and younger who live in Charles County. It will run from June 25 to Aug. 17. Lunches are served Monday through Friday at various times and locations. Lunches must be eaten on site. No lunches will be served on July 4.

### Hot lunches will be served at the following locations:

- **Westlake High School:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Henry E. Lackey High School:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **J.P. Ryon Elementary School:** 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- **Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School:** Noon-1 p.m.

### Cold bag lunches will be served at the following mobile sites:

- **Kid Stream Camp:** 2086 Crain Highway, Waldorf: 11-11:20 p.m.
- **St. Sebastian;** 2050 Nike Drive, Waldorf: 11:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
- **Idle Wood Trailer Park;** Waldorf: Noon-12:20 p.m.

- **Ell Lane Apartments:** 12151 Ell Lane, Waldorf, Management Office: 12:30-12:50 p.m.
- **Eva Turner Elementary School,** Waldorf: 1-1:20 p.m.
- **The Arnold House;** 3444 Rockefeller Court, Waldorf: 1:30-1:50 p.m.
- **Milton M. Somers Middle School,** La Plata: 11:30-11:50 a.m.
- **Phoenix Run;** 651 Piscataway Run, La Plata: Noon-12:30 p.m.
- **Oak Manor Drive;** Waldorf: 12:45-1:15 p.m.
- **Metropolitan United Methodist Church;** 3385 Metropolitan Church Road, Indian Head: 11:30-11:50 a.m.
- **Charles Landing Apartments;** Jameson Court, Indian Head: playground area: Noon-12:30 p.m.
- **Woodland Village Park;** Thompson Lane, Indian Head: 12:45-1:15 p.m.

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# Board of Education's June 12 meeting agenda

The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, June 12 at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building on Radio Station Road in La Plata. The public portion of the meeting begins at 1 p.m. The meeting is televised live on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12, and is rebroadcast throughout the week. Board meetings also are streamed live on the Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) website, [www.ccboc.com](http://www.ccboc.com). The following meeting agenda is subject to change.

## Executive session – 12 p.m.

## Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Henry E. Lackey High School

## Superintendent's update

## Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/board member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees update
- Student board member's update
- Revisit block schedule
- Pre- and post-test results
- Project status update
- Bus contract
- Communications update

## Unfinished business

## New business and future

## agenda items

- FY2019 Out-of-county tuition rates

- Daily/hourly wage rates

- Future agenda items

## Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Resolution: *Washington Post* Principal of the Year Awards program, Kathy Morgan, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary

- Outstanding Vice Principal Award

- Washington Post Teacher of the Year program

- Maryland Teacher of the Year

- Outstanding Support Staff Awards

## Public Forum – 6 p.m.

## Action items

- Minutes

- Personnel

- Policy 4000

- Educational Facilities Master Plan

- Operating Budget

## Adjournment



# Personnel

Apply for positions online at [www.ccboc.com/jobs/currentopenings.php](http://www.ccboc.com/jobs/currentopenings.php). All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

**A Teacher Job Fair** is June 9 at La Plata High School. Registration is 8:30 to 9 a.m. with interviews 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register to attend the event by June 7 at <https://tinyurl.com/y8lftdsh>. For more information and requirements, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y7n2hhlc>.

## Job Openings

**Administrative Intern, 2018-19 Intern Pool** — Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, 11-month position. A bachelor's degree and Standard Professional Certificate issued by the Maryland State Department of Education are required. Enrollment in a school administration program of study at the master's level is required. Apply by May 29.

**Administrative Intern, 2018-19 Intern Pool**

— North Point High School, 11-month position. A bachelor's degree and Standard Professional Certificate issued by the Maryland State Department of Education are required. Three years of successful teaching experience, evidence of exemplary human relations skills and the ability to speak and write effectively are required. Apply by May 29.

**In-School Retention Instructional Assistant** — La Plata High School, 10-month position. The ability to work with school-aged children with varied backgrounds and excellent human relations skills are required. Apply by May 29.

**Building Service Worker** — Theodore G. Davis Middle School, 12-month position. Applicants must have the ability to read and write effectively and be physically capable of performing manual labor. Good verbal communications and human relation skills are required, as well as a willingness to work overtime as required in cases of emergency. Apply by May 30.

**Building Service Worker** — Henry E. Lackey High School, 12-month position. Applicants must have the ability to read and write effectively and be physically capable of performing manual labor. A willingness to work overtime as required in cases of emergency is a must. Apply by May 30.

**Administration Instructional Assistant** — Westlake High School, 10-month position. An interest in and aptitude for working with secondary school-aged children is required. Apply by May 30.

**In-School Retention Instructional Assistant** — La Plata High School, 10-month position. The ability to work with school-aged children with varied backgrounds and excellent human relations skills are required. Apply by May 29.

## Extra Pay Positions

**Assistant Wrestling Coach** — Westlake High School. Call 301-645-8857.

**Assistant Football Coach** — Westlake High School. Call 301-645-8857.