

# THE PATRIOT PRESS

**K-12 Tuition - Free Public Charter School: Creating Community-Minded Leaders**

**Sept 2023**

## **Instructional Day**

Our Instructional Day is from 8:00am-3:00pm. Students and Teachers have a few short hours a day to focus on curriculum and to work with each other. Please help us guard their instructional time by minimizing the distractions. Some things that cause distractions are early checkouts, late arrivals, lunchbox and water bottle drop offs. We understand that appointments are a fact of life, but please try to make the earliest or latest appointment possible.

To aid in minimizing distractions, all materials will be collected and taken to the cafeteria for students to retrieve during lunch. Materials must be dropped off at the front office before 10:30 am. No materials will be accepted for delivery after 10:30 am. Please know that students without a water bottle, can have a cup to get water during the day. If a student does not have his/her lunch box, he or she will be given a lunch for the day.

Thank you for helping us keep learning and instruction as the focus to our days. We greatly appreciate the support.



## **The Move is ON....**

The finishing touches are being put on the new building and the parking lot. Once the last process is complete, FACS will receive the long-awaited Certificate of Occupancy for our new building.

The next step will be moving all furniture and materials from the current building to the new building. The FACS Board of Directors has hired a moving company and formed a large group of volunteers to aid in the move.

The dates of the move will be Oct.16-Oct. 20, 2023. This coincides with the end of the quarter and our previously scheduled Fall Break. Students will be out of school from Friday, Oct. 13 to Friday, Oct. 20. Classes will resume on Monday, Oct. 23.

This change to the calendar will be accounted for in two ways:

- 1) The snow makeup days at the end of May (5/23 and 5/24) will be school days. Thursday, May 23 will be a full school day and Friday, May 24 will be an early release day (1:00 pm).
- 2) Starting on Monday, Oct. 23 until the end of the year on May 23, 10 minutes will be added to each day, The instructional day will begin at 7:55 am and will end at 3:05 pm.

## Redemption of Gertie Green

The wonderful cast and crew of this Fall's Theater Production would like to invite everyone to *The Redemption of Gertie Green*. There will be two shows this week on Thursday and Friday @ 7:00 pm (9/21 and 9/22). Grab your friends and neighbors and join us at the Auditorium for these fantastic shows. Come see the phenomenal work that Mrs. Carpenter and the students have put in to making this a "can't miss" production.

## Parent-Teacher Organization

Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the PTO interest meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12. We had a full-house in the cafeteria! It was an amazing show of support for our school.

This meeting was the first step in creating an organization that will bring Parents and Teachers together to strengthen our school programs and school community.

For anyone that was not able to attend, but you are interested in being a part of the PTO, we will be holding further meetings in the next few months. Look for further information in upcoming Swift messages.

## Important Dates in Sept./Oct

### September

19-23	Rowan County Fair	
18	Early Release Day	1:00 pm
19	Boys Soccer @ Iredell Charter	4:30 pm
20	Cross Country MS @ Salisbury Acad.	
21	Cross Country MS @ Greystone	4:30 pm
21	Boys Soccer @ Graystone	5:30 pm
21-22	Faith Academy Theater Arts: Redemption of Gertie Green	7:00 pm
22	Picture Day	
25	Early Release Day	1:00 pm
	Girls Volleyball @ Greystone	5:00 pm
27	Boys Soccer @ Iredell Charter	4:30 pm

### October

2	Early Release Day	1:00 pm
6	Girls Volleyball @ Iredell Charter	4:30 pm
9	Early Release Day	1:00 pm
10	Boys Soccer @ Salisbury Academy	
10	Cross Country HS @ Graystone	4:30 pm
12	End of 1st Quarter	
13	Teacher Workday/1st Quart. Conf	
16-20	Fall Break/Move into New Building	

