



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS



2026

WE ARE ROYALS...

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Another school year is now underway at CHESS, and I'm grateful once again for students walking the hallways, learning happening in classrooms, and noise rising from the playground. With all the exciting events, athletics, and engagement opportunities ramping up for the new year, I want to remind us to praise God for the wonderful community He has brought together and the work He is doing in our midst. Our theme this year is Radiant: Made to Reflect Christ, which comes from Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." This theme is more than words we share once at the beginning of the year. My prayer is that in our classrooms, homes, relationships, athletics, activities, and service to others, we continually point people toward Christ. I'm excited for all that lies ahead this year, and I'm grateful to each of you for the unique role you play in the CHESS community. May we be a school that shines brightly, not for our own recognition, but for His glory.



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Executive Director



DID YOU KNOW?

ADMISSIONS

CHESS is excited to welcome 107 new students for a total of 483 students!

High School Enrollment (9th-12th): 106
Middle School Enrollment (5th-8th): 139
Elementary Enrollment (K-4th): 171
Preschool Enrollment: 67



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TEACHER ORIENTATION

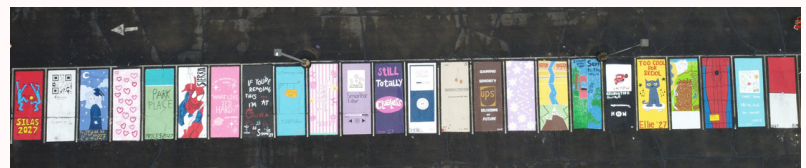
Teacher Orientation kicked off the 2026–2027 school year with a meaningful day of worship, connection, growth, and shared purpose. Our faculty revisited the mission, vision, and core values that guide CHES while strengthening their skills in communication, classroom culture, student support, and effective instruction.

Centered around this year's theme, Called Higher: Refined for Purpose, the day reminded our teachers of the important calling they have to invest in the lives of our students. Your support helps make opportunities like this possible, equipping our faculty to grow professionally and spiritually as they guide each student toward becoming who God created them to be.



SENIOR PARKING SPOTS

Our seniors kicked off the year with a fun CHES tradition: painting their very own parking spots! Each student brought their personality and creativity to life, making the senior parking area a colorful reflection of the Class of 2027. It's a fun way to celebrate the start of their final year as Royals!



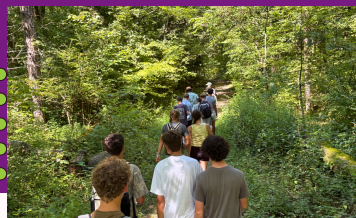


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MEET THE TEACHER

Meet the Teacher Night was an exciting way to kick off another year together as a Royal family! Our halls were buzzing with energy as families returned to campus, connected with friends, met teachers, and prepared for the year ahead. Families picked up their free CHESSE shirts, had the opportunity to meet our school nurses, and spent time getting to know the teachers who will guide and encourage their students throughout the year.

The evening was also a wonderful introduction to our **Radiant** theme and this year's reminder that we are "**Made to Reflect Christ.**" From the excitement of a new school year to the relationships that make our community special, the night was a beautiful reflection of who we are at CHESSE. We are excited to see our Royals shine brightly and reflect Christ in all they do throughout the year!



TNT VOYAGERS CAMPOUT

Our 9th and 10th grade TNT Voyagers kicked off the year with their first campout at Twin Creek Metropark! Students stepped outside their comfort zones, built resilience and friendships, and experienced God's creation together. Through adventure and challenge, Voyagers are learning to take greater ownership of their faith and put it into action!



Birthday Facepainting in Preschool



PRESCHOOL

Big feelings, little hearts, and lots of learning, our first preschool adventure is all about discovering what makes us uniquely us! We'll be learning how to name our feelings, make friends, use kind words, solve little problems, and care for ourselves and others. Most importantly, we'll discover that God made each of us wonderfully and that He cares about our hearts and our relationships. Through stories, play, songs, and everyday classroom moments, we'll practice handling big feelings, showing kindness, and learning that it's okay to ask for help.

Thank you, SouthBrook Church! 💜💚

We are so grateful for our heavy duty stroller! Your generosity is such a blessing to CHESS, and our teachers are already having a little fun with it! Thank you for supporting our school community!



ATHLETICS

It's been an exciting start to the fall season for Royals Athletics! From our youngest Jr. Royals to our high school teams, athletes across Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball are competing with energy, heart, and plenty of Royal pride. Their dedication, teamwork, and perseverance are a wonderful reflection of the character we strive to build at CHESS. We are grateful for the support of our community and the many ways you help provide opportunities for our student-athletes to grow, compete, and thrive!

