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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### PUNTA GORDA KIWANIS

APRIL

Rambla, Victoria  
Cahusac, Amanda  
Roughton, Alexa  
Bruce, Tyler

### PUNTA GORDA ELKS SENIORS

APRIL

Basulto, Orlando  
deSilva, John Austin

### PUNTA GORDA ROTARY JUNIORS

APRIL

Brianvil, Marc  
Rykiel, Jake

**YEARBOOKS ARE  
STILL AVAILABLE AND  
FOR PICK UP AND  
PURCHASE!! G205...IN  
AUGUST.**

**HAVE A GREAT  
SUMMER!**

## GRADUATION GARMENTS

The infamous cap and gown picture day was a defining moment in a Charlotte High School senior's career. The atmosphere in the theater was filled with excitement and nervousness, even though you could hear a pin drop. Friends were fixing each other's hair for pictures, caps constantly had to be adjusted, and students were constantly being directed on how to have a "natural" smile.

"It takes a lot of adjustments to get it right, but I know that both my parents and I want the pictures to turn out good," said Mark Schelm (12)

However, not everyone was as excited about their final picture day as others were. Every senior had a different opinion of the event.

"To my family, I guess that it's a really big deal because it's my last year in high school, but to me I'm just getting through my last round of taking school pictures," said Shantell Martinez (12)

Years from now, their blue-and-gold graduation ensemble could have gathered dust in the back of a closet or the tassel on their cap could have hung from their car mirror with pride. Regardless, seniors always could look back at their pictures and remember all the good times they had in their final moments of high school.

*A Little To The Left Marissa Weinberger (12) gets her cap adjusted by the photographer. As president of Hospitality Club, Weinberger scheduled the earliest appointment to work with her busy schedule.*



*Give A Little Grin Endri Bejte (12) poses for his picture that is about to be taken. His usual sunny disposition shines through on camera.*



# SENIOR SHIRT CELEBRATION

After they walked the stage at graduation, all of the Charlotte High School seniors had to move on. One option that many of them took is to attend a university, either locally or out of state. The 28th of April is the date when they all had the chance to represent their college commitment through their wardrobe.

"I absolutely loved wearing my college shirt for FSU. I am planning to major in Exercise Physiology and to eventually become a cardiothoracic surgeon. Wearing that shirt was like showing off to the entire school that I have made it to the next step in my long path to my career. I am so excited to see what college has waiting for me next year", said Tyra Drouillard (12).

All the seniors had the opportunity to wear shirts with the logo of their future college on it. This allowed them to show the pride that they have for the school that they attended.

"I definitely think the sense of responsibility is going to help me the most in the Coast Guard; not necessarily for myself but from a team standpoint like accountability for the people around you and a sense of working together", said Brett Scena(12).

Departing from high school may have been a graduate's dream come true or their worst nightmare. Nevertheless, they were able to enter their respective colleges as a freshman with a clean slate and endless hopes for the future.



**Blast From The Past** Brenda Siettas, Wendy Toms, Joshua Hoffart, Jon Hayes, and Ryan Cain wear their alumni memorabilia from college. All of them now teach their majors at Charlotte High School.



**Left: Best Friends Forever** Stephanie Kontos (12) and Grace Lane (12) embrace in their college shirts. The close friends are attending FAU and FGCU next semester.

**Below: Who Has Two Thumbs and is Reppin' Hardcore?** James Barnes (12) shows his excitement for his college. He plans to attend East Carolina University next year as a freshman.



**Knight's Honor** Abigail Dees (12) shows off her University of Central Florida shirt. The editor of this year's yearbook, she has already received a scholarship to go and pursue her dreams.



# THE POWER OF 3.8

Before Charlotte High School could close its doors for the summer, many students had to be recognized for their achievements they had earned throughout the year. Banquets had taken place throughout the year for athletes of all sports; however, it was the academic scholars' turn to be recognized for their accomplishments. "It was really rewarding and I was excited to receive the award and the letter. I have to work extremely hard and sacrifice other activities for it," said Carlye Mahler (09).

Every recipient had to maintain a 3.8 grade point average for all three quarters. Even though it may have sounded easy, it was an arduous task. All the recognition they had received was earned and set them apart.

"I hope that those who did not earn an award this year learns that it takes hard work, time, dedication, and motivation to EARN it. The award is not just given, you have to work for it", said Hannah Mace (10).

Even while this school year ended and students had been recognized for their achievements in their fields, the Academic Awards maintained a tradition of excellence that many students in the future will continue to follow.

**Right: Round of Applause** A line of freshman stand at the front after receiving their awards. Approximately 100 of the freshmen received academic distinction this year.



**Above: Freshman Legacy** Lea Fiscella (09) sits with her group of friends after receiving her award. Even at an awards ceremony, the group were still diligently completing their homework for their later classes.

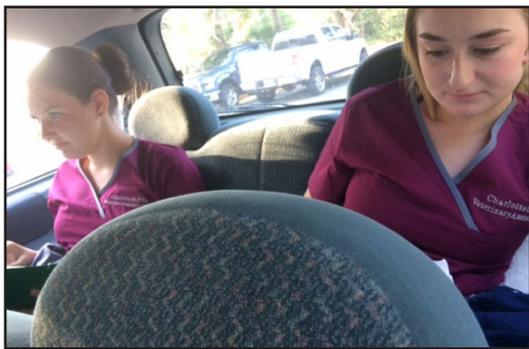


**Congrats Are In Order** Ella Burns (09) accepts her certificate and letter from principal Cathy Coraletti. Ella has challenged her self all year with several rigorous courses.



**Left: Tradition of Excellence** Assistant principal David Masony addresses the academic awards. He found it excellent that he got to speak to the top 10% of the student body.

# Vet Assisting Competition



## Last minute cramming

*Tessa Crouch (12) and Sierra Douglas (12), are studying on the ride to the competition to get in some last-minute refreshers. There was so much information to learn and they need to be prepared to know all of it! They are the seniors of the team and one advantage they have is being interns.*



## In the Clinic

*Vet assisting team member, Kendall Gill (11) practices restraint on a cat named Buckeye. There are many skills that the team needs to practice so that they can perform them at the state competition. Kendall is always so good with the cats and other animals that they work with.*

There are many clubs and activities that go on at Charlotte High that many students don't even know exist. FFA is a club that has many members from all different grades, but what most people don't know is that there are activities inside of the club. They have many different teams that you can join for different interests. One team that has made it to states this April is the Veterinary Science Team.

"It was a really cool experience, I got to learn a lot of cool things you can use in the future and it was overall really fun," said Tessa Crouch (12).

This team is made up of four girls who need to memorize many different skills, tools, breeds, and information. The competition is Saturday, April 29th in Tampa and the girls hope to place highly this year.

"There is so much information to learn in such a short amount of time but I know we can do it and will do the best that we all can," said Camryn Stewart (11).

The girls have worked hard for this competition, practicing every week, and studying skills and information for months. Whether they end up placing or not, they will be proud in the fact that they worked their hardest and did the best that they could.



## Competition Day!

*Tessa Crouch (12), Sierra Douglas (12), Kendall Gill (11) and Camryn Stewart (11), went to compete in the state competition in Plant City this past Saturday. The girls did their best and had some fun taking the tests and performing the skills. They made it to states by being 17th in the state in the preliminaries.*

# Cheer Tryouts

Cheerleading is a long-standing tradition at Charlotte High School, and every year tons of girls gather for the week for tryouts to try and make the football cheer squad for the upcoming year. Only a select few end up making the squad and if you're a junior or senior, you can only make Varsity, making the stakes even higher. There is a JV and Varsity squad, so the underclassmen have more of a chance of making it.

"I'm stressed. It's very stressful and I'm a junior so I have to get a high enough score to make Varsity. I was on basketball cheer but these tryouts are a little more stressful because there are more people trying out," said Nandee Pierrelus (11).

There is no doubt that these girls are stressed but there are also many exciting things about cheer tryouts. There are many skills that they need to master including cheers, chants, jumps, and even running the mile every day.

"To prepare for tryouts I stretched and practiced my jumps a lot," said Sheree Christensen (11).

These girls worked hard for what they want and many of them get the outcome that they hoped for. For those girls that outcome made the hard work worth it because now they get to do what they love for an entire season next year.



## Pre-Tryout Selfies

*Jayla Price (09) and Jenna Riddell (09) take pictures together before tryouts. Trying out with your friends always makes it less nerve wracking and more fun. Making bonds before making the team is always helpful during the season.*

# Tarpons Take the ACT

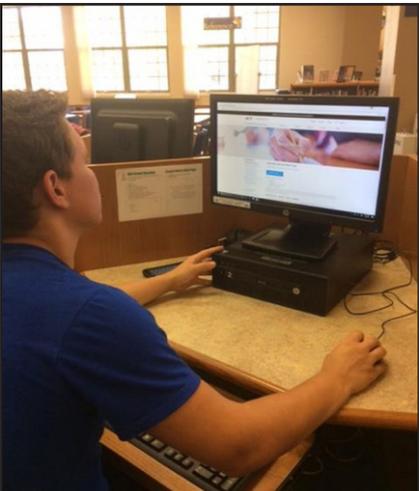
Each year kids all over the country gather in testing centers in different locations, all for the same reason. ACT and SAT testing is an experience that every student has at some point in their high school career. The ACT is a test similar to the SAT, that students take that gives them a score in how competent they are in different subjects. This test is then used for college admissions and scholarships. The higher the score, the better the schools and opportunities you are offered.

"I think the most important thing about preparing for and taking the ACT would be time management," said Caralyn Jelen (11).



## Old School Books

*There are many tools to get you prepared for the ACT. Even though online tests and practices can be a good resource, there are also old school ways that may work even better for you. Stores like Books a Million sell books specifically with ACT practice questions, tips, and information. Many people say that they work better than online practice!*



Some students think that the SAT is harder, and some think that the ACT is harder, but it all depends on the student.

Scores do show though, that you usually score better and find one easier than the other.

"I think that it wasn't the test itself that was difficult, it's the amount of time given for each section. I was trained on the knowledge just fine, but I should have been trained more on time management," said Sarah Burroughs (11).

ACT testing is an important part of applying to colleges and seeing what you learned your entire high school career, as much as students may hate it, it's important!

## The Charlotte High School Clinic

Going through a seven hour school day, five days a week with over a thousand students, you are bound to have students get sick and need to go to a nurse. That's why it's a good thing that Charlotte High has a clinic that students can go to if they get sick or don't feel well. There is a steady flow of students throughout the day that visit the clinic and the nurse is always waiting, happy to help anyone with whatever they need.

"The most common reason kids come to the clinic is for headaches and stomach aches. My favorite part of the job is interacting with the students. The hardest part is when children are having emotional problems that you can't fix," said nurse Pawlicki.

## Online Studying

*A big part of big tests like the ACT is that so much is online. You have to go online to register, check your results, and you can even sign up on the ACT website to study and do practice tests. Brett Scena (12) uses the ACT website to check his score from the test he took, the results were just released for the students to see how well they did.*

Some students need to make regular trips to the clinic to receive medications. As much as there are sick students, there are always students just faking it to get out of class or go home. That is the challenge of being a nurse, you need to watch out for students just trying to get a quick skip.

"I once had to go to the nurse for bandages because I had a dog bite on my hand from the day or so before," said Cody Picht (11). Students can take comfort in the fact that if they do become unwell or get injured during the day, they have a place to go that will give them whatever they need and someone who cares about them.



## Nurse Pawlicki

*Nurse Pawlicki is one of Charlotte High's staff members that most kids don't think to thank or appreciate. She is good at what she does and she truly cares for her students. Even though most students may not show it, we want her to know she is very much appreciated here!*



## Empty Clinic

*It's very rare that the clinic has nobody in it. There is usually at least one student needing care, but in the rare chance that the clinic is empty, the nurse finally gets a much needed break! There is no doubt that she needs it!*

# ADVANCED ARTISTS AT CHS

*A sight to see.*

*The art made by some students is just amazing. These students have worked very hard up to when it was time to display their work. The picture has all different styles of art and this shows how different everyone is. Both pieces of art are done by Morgan McAtee who is a junior this year.*

The AP art show was held last month and was amazing. Students who can show extreme talent are chosen by the art teachers to be a part of the art show. Whether you are in Art 1 or AP art you, art will be considered.

Morgan McAtee is a junior this year and is in AP art she quotes "The AP art show is a great opportunity for student artists to showcase their work and for the rest of the school and community to enjoy the artwork. It is also a nice reward to the AP artists who have worked hard all year long."

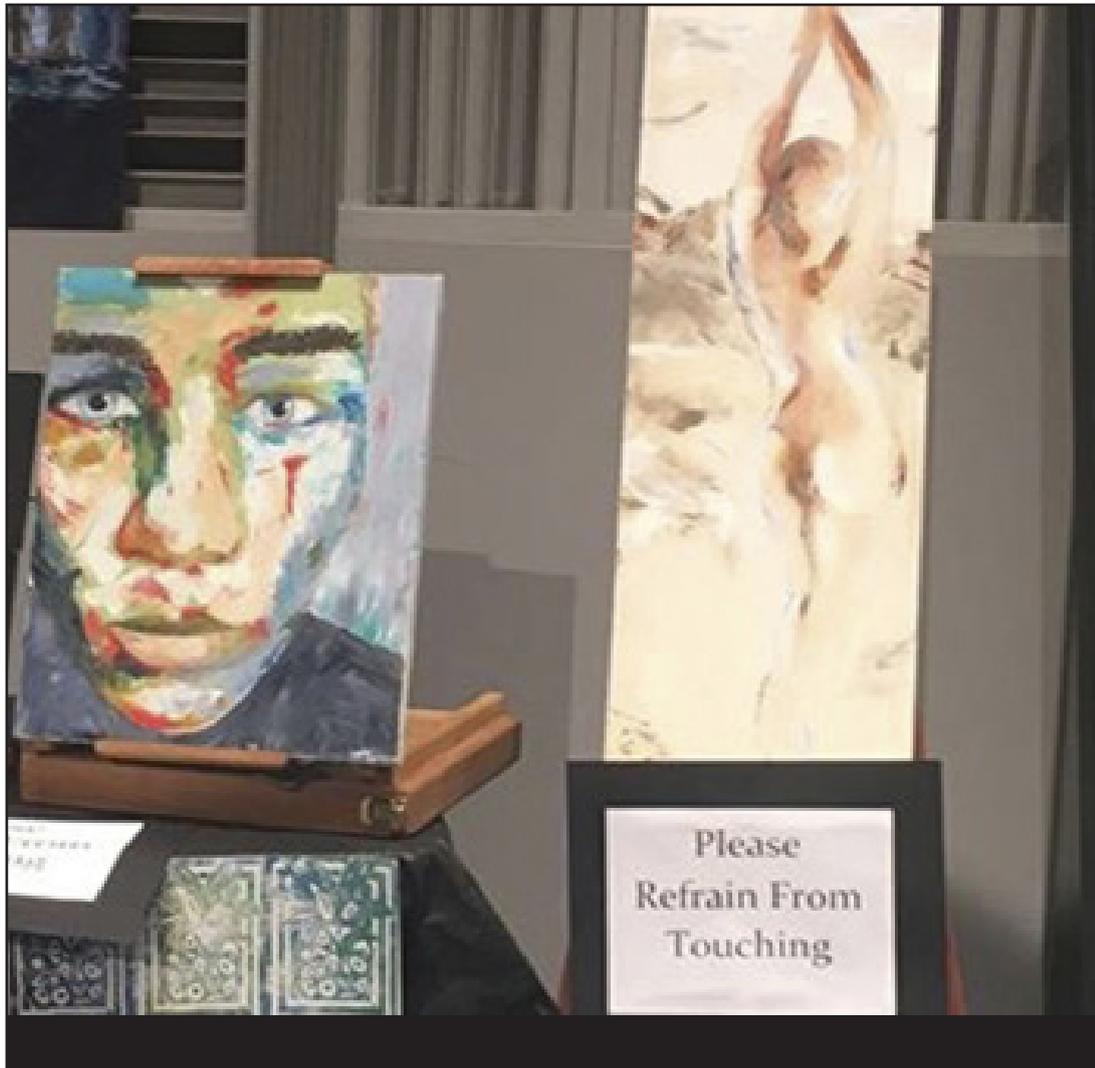
The community is allowed to view the art on one night when the art show is being showcased. It is a good way for the community to see what kids are doing in school and for parents to see the child's hard work.

Megan McGivern a sophomore this year was also part of the art show and says, "The art show is absolutely amazing because it allows the students to show off their best pieces and all the work they put into making them. I especially love the AP artist's exhibits because their portfolios are exceptional and the amount of time and effort they put in is unbelievable."

The show consists of not just art. Pottery and 3D design and photography is put on display at the show. All types of work can be submitted.

*Artistic Ability!*

*Jacob Bergmanis with his artwork. He has worked very hard all year and was very excited to display his work to the students and public. Jacob has a unique style and is quite different from other students and that is what makes his work amazing.*



# A SPECIAL NIGHT TO BE A TARPON STAR

The Charlotte High School drama department held their annual Thespian inductions event called the Tarpon Tony's on Monday May 1st. The Tarpon Tony's are a induction and award ceremony for students who are freshmen and students who have achieved a certain amount of points throughout their year in class.

During the ceremony a few students were asked to perform a dance number and the CHS charisma kids were asked to sing a few songs.

John Tietsworth a sophomore at CHS attended the Tarpon Tony's and is a part of charisma. John said " I was excited to see the new executive board and the drama club video was very entertaining because it brought back good memories. One thing that I was also very pleasantly surprised with was the dance that was performed. "

Most of the students who attended enjoyed watching the dance routine performed by Alex Chalone, Rebekah Hietman, and Anabelle Roehrig. Jacob Bergmanis also was part of the performance, he made a special en-



A wonderful performance done by a few high school students. This performance sure was a sight to see.



trance toward the end of the dance.

Meghan Hagerty a junior at CHS is again part of next years executive board. The executive board makes the decisions and makes plans to help raise money so the drama club can do fun activities throughout the school year. Meghan quotes " The Tarpon Tony's were really exciting for me because I got to see the performances that some other students prepared."

## Charlotte High School Robotics

The Charlotte High School Robotics team has recently competed in a competition. Kyle Finch is a senior and a crucial part of his team. Him and his teammates love building designing and competing with their robots.

Kyle says " I enjoy the robotics team because I love to tinker with things and we always have such a short amount of time to work on our bots. I really have a great time with everyone on the team and love working with them." The team is very closely bonded together and has a lot of fun working as a team.

The team actually held their own event back on December 17th and won 1st place. The team thought this was pretty cool to have hosted

*We live for the applause!*

*Pictured above is the 2017-2018 drama department executive board members. these students were chosen by other student who thought they would make good improvements on the upcoming drama events.*

their own competition and still won. The club consists of 3 teams , Team 7321 Charlotte Surge, Team 8908 Robo Mojo, and Team 10345 Royal Blue.

Bradley Spencer who is a senior this year also is a big part of the team. He explains " I love robotics because we are always moving always improving and we never stop. I enjoy when we have a competition because i like to see what other teams have been building and what their robots do."



**WINNING!!**

*The team 8908 Robo Mojo and Team 10345 bots was truly a good idea. This bot has competed in many competitions and has won several of them.*

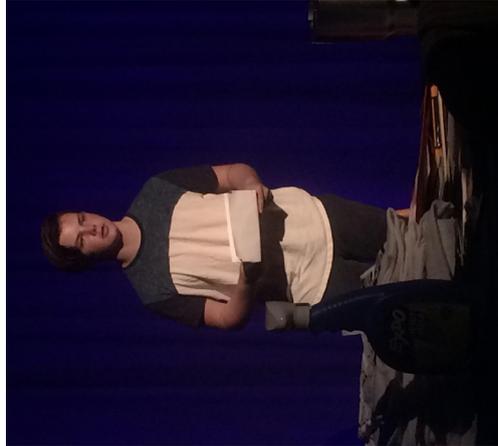
# Art Through Poetry

Poetry can be moving because it allows the reader to see what is going on inside the author's mind. It allows the reader to be moved by words that come from the heart. Because of poetry's amazing ability to emotionally move others, Mrs. Cain, the school librarian, has been putting on a poetry slam for the last four years. It allows students to share their poetry to the rest of the school. However, students had to attend meetings to help develop their poems.

"During the meetings, we do a couple of things. First of all, each student meets individually with a teacher from the school, usually from the English department, and they talk to the students about how they can make their poems better. They help the students develop better word choice, rhythm, and performance skills. The students share their poems with each other, so that they can build confidence by reading out loud to a small group of people, and then a larger group of people," explained Mrs. Cain. Students had practiced their poems since spring break. On March 24th, the students attended a poetry slam rehearsal in the black box in front of Mrs. Lindsey, the Aice Literature and English 2 teacher, and Mrs. Cain. The student poets first practiced reciting a poem from the late Charlotte High alumni Bealah Roger to honor her memory. They then started presenting their poems while Mrs. Cain and Ms. Lindsey watched and critiqued them on their performance.

"We ran through our poems at least five times, so we were prepared for the poetry slam the next day. It really helped," stated Catalina Mosquera (09), a participant in the poetry slam. The student poets ran through their lines so they could expressively share their poems to the best of their ability. The poetry slam allows the student poets to express themselves, allowing many to see the beauty that they create.

*"Choices"... Oliver Callander (09) practiced his presentation of his poem, "Choices". He, along with other student poets, decided to write about darker themes that may help the audience find a different perspective on a certain topic.*



*Presenting... Carlye Mahler (09) practiced introducing the other student poets and presenting the introduction for the poetry slam. She was the master of ceremonies for the poetry slam.*



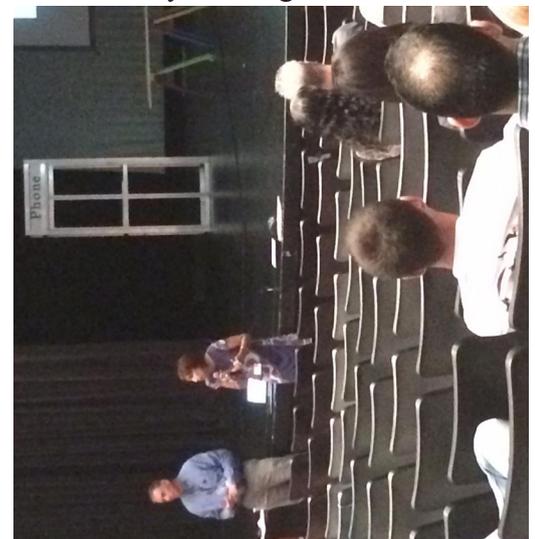
*Look out for up and coming news, teachers! Charlotte high teachers watch as Cathy Corsaletti gives a PowerPoint presentation on testing results from last year. This can help teachers prepare for the upcoming end of course exams.*

# Student Teachers

Charlotte High faculty run the school, helping to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. However, Charlotte High teachers only know what goes on in their department, and they need to know what happens all around the school to help the school run smoothly. That is where faculty meetings come in.

"Faculty meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month. They're run by our principal, Ms. Cathy Corsaletti, and they'll start out by recognizing staff members who have done something unique or noteworthy. Then, she'll let the different administrators give any announcements from their department," explained biology teacher Mrs. Haynes. These faculty meetings will help teachers understand any important events that are coming up or are currently going on. This, then, allows teachers to plan for future events.

"It's a place where we give the teachers what they need to know to do their job because sometimes as they plan, they need to know what's up and coming," stated Cathy Corsaletti, Charlotte High principal. Whether the staff meeting is about testing or the next upcoming play, Charlotte high staff will know about it because of the informational faculty meetings.



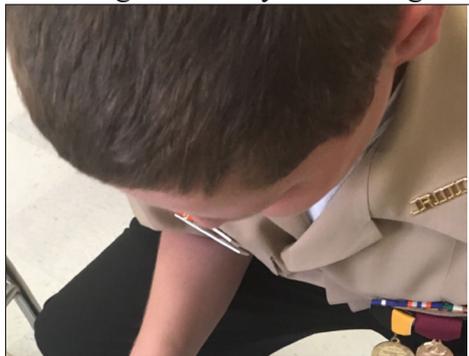
*Pay attention Charlotte high staff! These teachers attended the faculty meeting on April 6th. All teachers are required to attend unless they are busy helping students off the bus.*

# After the EOC

Charlotte High students who took the geometry end of course exam on April 19th and 20th will still have to continue taking the math class for the rest of the year. Many students are wondering the need for continuing to take the class when they already took the final.

"I feel a lot less motivated to absorb more concepts after the final since I'm not going to be tested on them, and I probably won't retain the concepts over the summer," stated Carlye Mahler (09), a geometry honors student. Many students share her feelings as the quarter goes by. Math teachers, like math department leader Mr. Harvey, have been trying to teach students new concepts after the final.

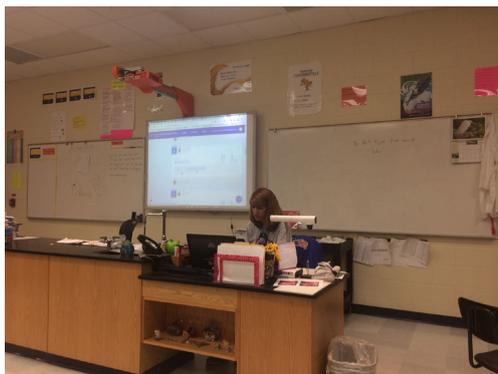
"Continual knowledge. Continuous ,continual knowledge," replied Mr. Harvey, geometry honors teacher, when asked why students should be continuing to learn geometry, "And in realty, my classes have to have it because we did not test for the whole fourth quarter. We waited until the end of course exam, so we had to get all the material in. Now we're testing in increments on new math standards. The state will tell my students if they got all the geometry concepts ,but I just need my fourth quarter concepts answered." Continual knowledge, as stated by Mr. Harvey, is why many math teachers continue teaching after the geometry final. And one day, students may realize that continual knowledge is the key to learning.



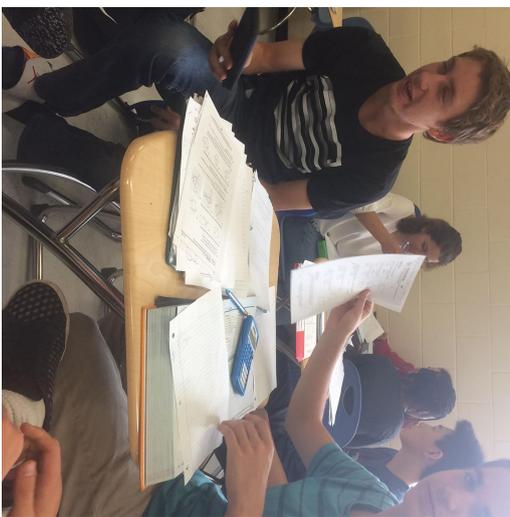
**Calculating...** Ethan Burt (09) calculated answers in geometry class. During the class, students are expected to complete chapter reviews to help them get ready for an upcoming quiz on that review.



**For the love of science...** Charles McAtee (09) puzzles over a science assignment on the computer. Assignments like the one Charles worked on are assigned every-day through classroom google.



**A helping hand...** Mrs. Haynes goes over assignments with the class to help certain students understand which assignments they are missing. Many students will then complete the assignments online for a grade.



**The answer to number 3 is...** Jacob Daniele (09) and Ian Adams (09) worked all geometry class finishing up a math review worksheet. The mathematical concepts they learned on that worksheet will help them prepare for the quiz the next day.

# For the Love of Science

Charlotte High offers a wide array of interesting classes. One of these classes is biology honors. This class is taught by Mrs. Haynes, and is known for teaching kids the foundations of biology. Mrs. Haynes decides to incorporate technology into her class to make it a more enjoyable and fun learning process for her students.

"This year we're using a very special program called Classroom Google. On Classroom Google, I place assignments for the students to complete. They can be slides for students to read or labeling for them to complete. This allows students to complete a variety of assignments. Often we do these assignments together, but sometimes the students do assignments individually. Right now we are finishing the human body systems, and then we'll have ten days to prepare for the biology end of course exam in May," stated Mrs. Haynes. The Biology Honors students also enjoy the class due to the fun teaching style Mrs. Haynes incorporates.

"It's a fun class, but it takes a lot of work. You have to be ready for the workload, and you can't come to class and start slacking off," explained biology honors student Jake Sheets (09). The hard work, however, is balanced with interesting subjects to study when in biology honors.

"The class itself is pretty fun. We do all our work on the computer, and whenever you're done with the assignments, you're allowed to study for other classes. Right now we're learning about the immune system which is my strong suit because I like the body," described Mia Dennis (09). Biology honors offers interesting subjects to study as long as the students are prepared to work diligently. So whenever students think of classes that may help them enjoy science, they think of biology honors.