



Charger Chatter



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Welcome Back, Chargers!

Jennifer Centeno, Fourth Grade



My name is Jennifer Centeno. This will be my 23rd year teaching. My husband & I moved to TN one year ago & brought our horse, 2 dogs, 2 cats, a hamster, & our 3 children. Since moving here, we added another dog, 14 chickens, my mom, & my sister. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the lake, working in my garden, hanging out in our pool, baking and cooking new dishes, & spending time with family and friends. I also love Jesus & karaoke. It is so good to be here. I am blessed that God has brought me to North Coffee!

Dates to Remember:

August 7-Smart Card sales begin

August 21-Book Fair begins

August 24-PTO Meeting at 3:30

August 31-Fall Pictures
September 1-No School

Reminders:

- Your child is tardy after 7:50.
- Connect with your teacher through Class Dojo. Communication is key!
- Tennis shoes should be worn on gym days.

From the Nurse's Desk:

Please remember, if your child has medicine they need to take at school, you will need to personally deliver it to school. Do not send it with the student.

The Arts



Hi! I am Andy Barnard, the music teacher here at North Coffee! I am excited to join the Charger family this year! This is my 8th year teaching music. When I am not teaching or playing music, I enjoy spending time with my wife, Jessica, and my daughter, Marleigh, as well as running, cycling, and drinking Sundrop! I'm looking forward to a fantastic year here at North Coffee. Go Chargers!



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Welcome Back, Chargers!



My name is Miranda Branch. I teach Intervention at North Coffee. This is my 12th year here, but I have taught 18 years total. In my free time, I enjoy making shirts and watching my kids enjoy their interests. I love football season! Go VOLS!!

Dates to Remember:

September 8–No School
September 11

Attendance Spirit Week starts

September 21–PTO Meeting @ 3:30

September 22–Picnic on the Playground

September 29–Cookie Dough Sales Begin

October 2-6–Fall Break

Reminders:

- Attendance is important!
- Don't forget those tennis shoes on gym days.
- Remember to read 20 minutes every night!
- If there is a change in your child's dismissal, please call the office before 2pm.

From the Nurse's Desk:

If your child is sick at home, vomiting or running a fever greater than 100 degrees, please keep them home until they are fever free and/or have no more vomiting for 24 hours. This does help with the health of other students at school. The same rule applies if I send your child home sick from school with a fever – they should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning.

Sports

* Cross Country tryouts have happened and North Coffee is ready to compete! Thanks to Mr. Bowman for coaching these runners!

*The girls and boys basketball team has been practicing and preparing for their games. Get ready to cheer on these Chargers!!



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Fall Is In The Air!

Jennifer Dennison, Secretary/Bookkeeper



I am a lifetime Charger. I attended North Coffee as a student, and spent many years helping out while my mom was a teacher here. I've worked as Secretary / Bookkeeper for just over 20 years. I've been married 22 years and have several four legged children. When I'm away from work, I enjoy working at the local theater. I'm a science and technology nerd and a history buff. I also like to read and work on my family genealogy. I especially love to spend time on the weekends with my niece Naomi.

Dates to Remember:

- October 2-6**-Fall Break
- October 11** - Picture Retakes/Sports Pictures
- October 12**-Report Cards go home
- October 13**-1st 9 weeks Awards Day
- October 19**-PTO Meeting @ 3:30
- October 26**-Reading Night & Trunk or Treat
- October 31**- Halloween Parade
- November 1**- No School

Reminders:

- Don't forget those tennis shoes on gym days.
- Remember to read 20 minutes every night!
- Your child is tardy after 7:50 am
- Please send lunch money in a envelope or bag with your child's name and teacher's name.

From the Nurse's Desk:

Did you know that the best thing you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands? Washing your hands frequently can help you prevent picking up germs from other sources and then infecting yourself. So remember: wet your hands, get soap, scrub for 20-30 seconds, rinse, and then dry your hands.

Sports

* Cross Country is in full swing. We have some awesome runners!

*Basketball is also in full swing. Games start this month. Look for who we play and when on the October calendar. Let's cheer on our Chargers!!



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Holidays Are Near

LeChelle Ferrell, ESL Teacher



I grew up right here in Manchester. I went to school here at North Coffee. This is my 22nd year teaching. I have taught every elementary grade as well as Special Education. Currently, I am in my third year teaching ESL. I've been married 23 years to Jerrod Ferrell. We have 4 children Kayda, Kiya, Kix, and Zach. I cherish any time spent with family. We love to travel, go out to eat, attend sporting events, family game nights, hiking, or just hanging out. I also enjoy baking and crafting.

#OnceAChargerAlwaysACharger

Dates to Remember:

November 17-Campus Clean Up

November 20-24-

Thanksgiving Break

December 7-PTO Meeting @ 3:30

December 15-10 o'clock dismissal

December 18- January 3- No School

January 4- Students return to school

****make sure to check the school calendar as well for activities going on.**

Reminder:

As the temperatures are cooling down, your child wearing a jacket is inevitable. Please write your child's name inside the jacket. This will give the jacket a better chance of being returned, if it is lost.

From the Nurse's Desk:

It's Flu season! Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus that infects the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. Flu is very common. Ways to prevent the flu are good handwashing, staying away from sick people, covering your cough, and getting a flu vaccine.

Sports

Basketball will still be going on during the month of November and ending with tournaments first of December.. Let's cheer on our Chargers!!

The Arts

Auditions have happened, parts have been chosen, and practice for James and the Giant Peach is in full swing. The 5th graders are working hard!



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Happy New Year!!!



My name is Abbie Gilliam and I teach 3rd grade math. This is my 1st year teaching, but I am no stranger to North Coffee. I went to school here and my mom, Cindy Gilliam, teaches 1st grade. In my free time, I enjoy reading, shopping, hiking, and spending time with friends and family!

Dates to Remember:

January 11-Report cards go home

January 12-Awards Day

January 15-No School

January 18-PTO meeting @ 3:30

****make sure to check the school calendar as well for activities going on.**

Reminder:

As the temperature is getting colder, your child wearing a jacket is inevitable. Please write your child's name inside the jacket. This will give the jacket a better chance of making its way back to its owner when it is misplaced.

From the Nurse's Desk:

If your child is sick at home, vomiting or running a fever greater than 100 degrees, please keep them home until they are fever free and/or have no more vomiting for 24 hours. This does help with the health of other students at school. The same rule applies if I send your child home sick from school with a fever - they should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning.

Sports

Congrats to our Chargers for an awesome season!!

North Coffee's basketball team will be recognized on January 23rd at CCCHS.

The Arts

Practice for James and the Giant Peach is in full swing.

Performance information will be coming home soon!



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6 more weeks of...

Elizabeth Price, Guidance Counselor



This is my 18th year at North Coffee. I am a lifer! I went here as a kid and I am proud that my kids go here now. I like to spend time with my family, being outdoors and traveling across the country. We are working on visiting all the National Parks. My favorite place to visit so far is Montana.

Dates to Remember:

February 8-Progress Reports

February 9, 10, & 11-James and the Giant Peach performances

February 13-Spring Pictures

February 16 & 19-No School

February 22-PTO Meeting @ 3:30 pm

Attention:

4th grade's coat drive was a HUGE success! Winter is not over and cold days are still ahead. If you are in need of a coat, regardless of size, please reach out to your child's teacher. There is a good possibility we can provide you a coat.

From the Nurse's Desk:

February is American Heart Month. Did you know the heart pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood every day? That's one hard-working organ! You can work hard, too. When you get home tonight, try running in place for 30 seconds or do 5 lunges on each leg. We are helping raise money for the Kid's Heart Challenge. Help donate by registering at heart.org/schools.

Sports

No school sports going on at this time.

Good luck to all of the Chargers participating in their respective sports outside of school!

The Arts

Performances for James and the Giant Peach will be February 9, 10, and 11th.



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Spring is Here!

Carmen Kittinger, Librarian



I began teaching at North Coffee in 2011 as a Reading Interventionist. Two years later I was teaching 2nd grade, and four years later I was teaching 1st grade. Three years ago, I became North Coffee's librarian and have LOVED every minute behind that scanner! I am so blessed and grateful for the opportunity to interact with every student and staff member at North Coffee.

When I am not at work, I enjoy all needle arts: sewing, knitting, embroidery, quilting. My leisure moments are spent with a cup of coffee in one hand and a book in the other!

My dearest and truest loves are my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and my husband, Kenny, both of whom changed my life forever!

Dates to Remember:

March 4- Read Across America Week begins

March 10-Clocks move forward

March 11-Spring Book Fair begins

March 13-Blood drive

March 15-Picnic on the playground

March 21-Report cards go home

March 22-Awards Day

March 22-Spring Break begins

March 31-Easter

North Coffee wants to shout out a Congrats to the Coffee County Lady Raiders. They made history recently by becoming the region champs! We are so proud of the team, but maybe a little extra proud of the former North Coffee Chargers that grace the basketball court!

#onceachargeralwaysacharger

From the Nurse's Desk:

Stay happy! Make good choices every day for a happy, healthy you! Some examples include: building positive relationships with others, staying optimistic, increasing outdoor playtime (less screen time), and embracing the everyday.



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April Showers...

Cindy Fletcher, Kindergarten



This is my 19th year at North Coffee. Currently, I am teaching Kindergarten. I have been married to Ritchie Fletcher for 37 years. We have 5 wonderful children together, Robert (31), Samantha (28), Laura Beth (21), Elli (7), and Amiah (6). In my free time, I love watching my kids play sports, spending time with my family, reading a good book, walking, and spending time outdoors. I love my North Coffee Family.

Dates to Remember:

April 8-Solar Eclipse viewing

April 9-Family Night

April 9-End of Little Debbie sale

April 15-TCAP testing begins

April 18-PTO Meeting

Testing time is here. April 15th will begin TCAP. If your child is participating in testing please make sure they are getting enough sleep the night before and if they are not eating breakfast at school, they get a good breakfast to help fuel their brain. We know our Chargers are awesome and testing is an opportunity to show everyone else what we already know!

From the Nurse's Desk:

Spring is here and so are the warmer temperatures! Make sure you are drinking plenty of water. The human body is 60% water! Even your bones are watery! Don't believe me, look it up.



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Bring May Flowers

Cindy Gilliam, 1st grade



This is my 32nd year to teach and I have taught 28 of those at North Coffee. I am married to Randall and we have two beautiful daughters. Abbie is a 3rd grade math teacher here at North Coffee and Lauren is a senior at CCHS. In my free time I love to travel to the mountains and spend time with family and friends.

Dates to Remember:

May 6- Teacher Appreciation week

May 9- PTO Meeting @ 3:30

May 10- AR Field Trip

May 15- Senior Walk

May 16- Last day of Excellence

May 16- Lemonade Day

May 17- Field Day/Picnic on the Playground

May 21- Awards for 1st-4th

May 22- Pre-K, K, and 5th Graduation

May 23- No School for students

May 24- 2 hour day

Reminder:

There are lots of activities going on this month. Especially field trips. Please make sure you are keeping in touch with your student's teacher to get the latest news.

May is a very fast paced, full month.

Don't miss anything!!!

From the Nurse's Desk:

Ready or not, Summer is here! Stay active and fit. Do some form of exercise every day: run, walk, stretch, play, or swim. While playing sports make sure you wear your proper safety gear to keep you safe. Have fun, and see you next year