

Your choice of Spartanburg Charter School to fulfill your child's education is, indeed, a very wise one. I look at this school as a "launching pad" for learning and the academic results our staff have produced in its first two years show we continue to successfully "reach for the stars" academically. With plans for the future of the school well established, we will be able to reach new, much higher levels of academic achievement through the application of best practices in a caring and nurturing school environment.

For those of you who were here in the first year of the school's operation, you will be amazed by the progress we have made in regard to the physical appearance of the school. The entire first and second floor have been repainted and 228 student lockers will be in place on the second floor before school starts. Our new 4-8 learning laboratory, equipped with twenty-four computers, is nearing completion and our basketball court will be lined in the near future. In regard to athletics, our coaches will be ready to kick off the upcoming school year with numerous opportunities for middle school athletics.

We have purchased the nationally praised "Core Knowledge" curriculum for grades K-8 for both art and music. One day will be set aside for art or music history, while the other day will be "hands on," either doing art projects or following a programmed music curriculum.

Our new staff members possess a level of academic excellence far surpassing the staff at any other school I have been associated with. In regard to staff hiring, we have increased the diversity of our staff both racially and gender-wise so that we continue to represent our community demographics to the best of our ability. When each of our new staff members was hired we kept in mind that we must have teachers who go above and beyond in dealing with our students here at Spartanburg Charter School. Their ability to utilize best practices, in particular inquiry-based learning, was always at the forefront of our interview process. Put quite simply, we have a staff that can challenge that of any other public school in the country.

The 2011-2012 school year is going to be another great one for Spartanburg Charter School. We appreciate you putting your trust in us to provide your children with the best education available, anywhere.

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Principal