



## CHARLES STREET SCHOOL

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Dear Charles Street School Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter to you to kick off the 2019-20 school year here at Charles Street. I have been part of the Palmyra school community for over fifteen years, first as an English teacher at Palmyra High School and then assistant principal at both the high school and here at Charles Street. This year, I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition and dedicated staff as principal.

Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue to give your children the best educational experience possible. We will focus on implementing a new social-emotional learning curriculum, restorative behavior initiatives, teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, the use of data to drive instruction, and to provide consistent implementation of the curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can continue to increase all of our students' achievement.

All of us at Charles Street School are eager to begin what promises to be an exciting year! Our hope is that this year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real world connections. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors – teachers, students, and parents – are excited to be part of the CSS Family! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment.

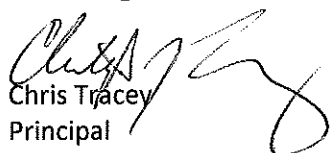
I also want to stress the importance of regular, on-time attendance. Multiple studies show that poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back and research shows that missing 10 percent of the school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence. Please reach out to me if there's anything I can do to help keep your child happy and eager to attend school.

My goal is to ensure that all children are healthy, happy, and safe so that they may learn and thrive. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Charles Street School meet their goals and have a successful year.

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Warm Regards,

  
Chris Tracey  
Principal