CHPS Postcard

Year-end Message from Superintendent - 6/11/21

Dr. Meloche's Message for Students, Staff and Families

Dear Cherry Hill Public Schools Community,

As we enter the final week of the 2020-2021 school year, I would like to share my gratitude to our students, staff and families for their flexibility, creativity, grit and perseverance under the extraordinarily challenging circumstances we've all faced since March of 2020.

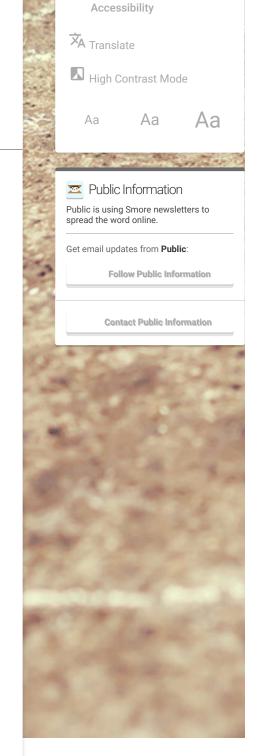
Not only has our community adjusted to COVID-19 mandates and protocols, but we have done so while enduring incredible social upheaval locally, nationally and worldwide.

Whether experiencing it directly or via the news and social media, many of our students and our community members over the last 15 months have felt deeply hurt, threatened or confused by a barrage of vitriol and images of violence. As a school district, our first priority, always, is the safety of our students and staff. We serve and employ an immensely diverse population – individuals who have a personal connection to racial injustice, to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, and to violence toward the LGBTQ+ community, just to name a few. We have made every effort to increase our outreach during the many difficult events of 2020-2021. I would like to remind everyone that our guidance counselors and student assistance counselors are available through the end of the year via their email addresses on our school websites and will respond quickly to students and families who reach out. Additional support resources, including how to help children with traumatic events, are listed on the <u>Student</u> Assistance page of our <u>District website</u>.

After rising to meet the many challenges this year, I believe all of our families and staff deserve an especially hearty "congratulations!" As our graduation ceremonies have had to be adjusted for the second year in a row, we look forward to planning our traditional ceremonies for the Class of 2022. The latest information on what the coming 2021-2022 school year will look like is available on the District website.

The schools will provide details about end-of-the-year events and activities. It is my great privilege to share in the joy of next week's 5th grade moving up ceremonies, 8th grade graduations and high school graduations. May your own celebrations bring you joy, as well.

Regards, Dr. Joseph N. Meloche Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools





Graduation Ceremony Dates, Times and Live Stream Links Available

It's graduation season! Middle school graduations will take place on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the Cherry Hill High School West Football Stadium at the following times:

- · Carusi Middle School 9 am
- Beck Middle School Noon
- · Rosa Middle School 5 pm

High school graduations will take place on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Cherry Hill High School West Football Stadium at the following times:

- High School West 10 am
- High School East 7 pm

Live stream links to the ceremonies will be available on the <u>WE Graduate page</u> of the District website on each school's scheduled date.

Information on live streams of the elementary school moving up ceremonies will be provided to elementary families by each school.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Continue at CHPS

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics continue at CHPS! June 16 from 5-8 pm at Carusi Middle School amd June 18 from 5-8 pm at Beck Middle School, vaccinations will be available for anyone age 12 years or older who



lives/works in NJ. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUSH PRE-REGISTER AT <u>www.adlersrx.com</u> NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED. For questions about the clinic, please contact Bonnie Mingin, supervisor of pupil services for CHPS at (856) 429-5600.



Plan for "The Road Back" to School 2021-2022 Available

Assistant Superintendent PreK-12 and Curriculum Dr. Farrah Mahan and Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche at the June 8, 2021 Board of Education Work Session presented the latest update of our <u>WE</u> Return to Learn Plan -- "The Road Back" for the 2021-2022 school year to the Board. More details will be shared with the community at Board of Education meetings, via this newsletter and CHPS social media throughout the summer.



Summer Reading Assignments & Resources Available Via Updated Link

It's that time of year! Summer Reading 2021 assignments and resources for rising 6th through 12th graders are now available <u>via an updated link</u> on the District website.



Reminder: 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration Is Ongoing

Registration for kindergarten and 1st grade for the 2021-2022 school year is underway! Because of COVID restrictions, parents are asked to register their children online. <u>Full details are available on our website.</u>

2021-2022 Barclay Early Childhood Center Waiting List Applications Available

The enrollment period for inclusion preschool classes at the Barclay Early Childhood Center has ended. At this time, we are accepting Waiting List Applications. We keep the waiting list rolling until March 1 of the specific school year (March 2022). The 2021-2022 Waiting List Application is available online.

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