

A message from the Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending August 30, 2019

# WELCOME to the New Year!

School opens on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Happy New Year – New *School* Year, that is! Our administrators, technology team, registration department, business office, transportation department, secretaries, buildings and grounds staff, and custodial staff have been working throughout the summer to prepare for the best day of the year: the first day of school, when our students return and fill our buildings with excitement, curiosity and positive energy!

I would like to thank all of the above-mentioned folks for their hard work and dedication. We would not be able to open without their efforts. When you see them at school, please share your thanks for all that they do for our district.

Also this summer, there has been a great deal of discussion and media coverage regarding the Board of Education discussion about [Board Policy 8550 – Unpaid Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Charges](#). As of the first day of school, September 3, 2019, the following procedures will be followed:

- **All children who want a school lunch will continue to be served lunch, regardless of the balance in their meal account**
- **Children whose accounts are in arrears may choose the meal they desire, but they will not be able to buy a la carte items**

The Board will continue its discussion on [Policy 8550](#) at the next Board of Education meeting on September 10, 2019 at 7 pm in the Malberg Administration Building Board Room.

In the meantime, [I have sent a letter to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy](#) imploring him to insist on legislation that removes [the State-mandated language requiring the withholding of meals as part of the policy.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### First Day of School SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 ALL STUDENTS REPORT

#### High School

Start time: 7:30 am

Dismissal: 2:30 pm

#### Middle School

Start time: 8 am

Dismissal: 3 pm

#### Elementary School

Start time: 9 am

*Elementary schools **only** will operate on an early dismissal schedule on September 3, dismissing at 1 pm. The regular dismissal time of 3:30 pm resumes September 4.*

### BOE Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 10 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

### BOE Action Meeting

September 24 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

### PSEG Road Work All of September

This will affect certain routes to and from our schools.

[PSEG has released an online statement regarding](#)

**Please be assured, all children will be fed lunch, every day.**

This is such an exciting time, as we welcome the first class of full-day kindergartners, including the new A. Russell Knight Elementary student pictured above, to every elementary school in the District! We held a symbolic ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday afternoon at Cooper Elementary School, welcoming the members of graduating class of 2032! The full-day program is the result of a wonderful District/Community collaboration, and **WE** are thrilled to see it come to fruition!

As the school year begins, please be sure to get involved in your school community and in the district as a whole. Join the PTA, become involved in booster groups and maintain regular communication with your child's teachers. We have such an incredibly successful district because we have wonderfully engaged, caring parents, family members and supportive community members who work with our staff to benefit our children.

Please take time to reflect on this Labor Day Monday about the men and women of the skilled trades, who literally have built our country and continue to maintain it. I especially thank all of our community members who are involved in the trades for their important contributions to our wonderful Cherry Hill community. We will continue to encourage our students to learn about the skilled trades and to consider them as an option after their high school experience.

Be sure to stay in touch through all of our communication platforms: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) – watch for the hashtags #YayForFullDay, celebrating full day kindergarten, and #YayForTheFirstDay, celebrating the first day of school in general. And be sure to download our free Cherry Hill Public Schools App, available on the App Store and Google Play!

Happy “New Year”! Make a “New Year’s Resolution” to be kind to one another and to find joy in each day.

See you on the 3rd!

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

P.S. Please remember: The first day of school **is an early dismissal day for elementary students only**. Elementary students will be dismissed at 1 pm on September 3. The regular elementary dismissal time of 3:30 pm resumes on September 4.



Mini

## Golf "Spirit Nights" to Benefit Cherry Hill Education Foundation

The Cherry Hill Education Foundation has partnered with the new Monster Mini Golf in Cherry Hill.

In an effort to become involved with our community and to support our schools, Monster Mini Golf is presenting "Spirit Night" every Wednesday in September (any time between 12 pm and 9 pm), and will donate 40% of the proceeds to the [Cherry Hill Education Foundation](https://www.cherryhill.org/education/foundation).

Be sure to schedule an afternoon or evening at Monster Mini Golf to contribute to this great cause!



## Free and Reduced Price Lunch Applications Now Open

Applications for the 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Lunch Program will be available for submission on August 15th at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com).

PaySchools Central is a secure payment system that simplifies school payments in an easy-to-use online portal. It enable parents to fund lunch accounts and pay required and optional fees quickly and easily. [More information about PaySchools Central is available online](#). Also available is [a step-by-step guide to signing up for PaySchools Central](#). Note that an application must be submitted **each year**.

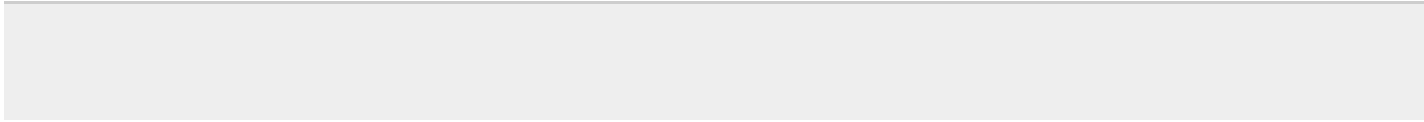


## Confused about New Online Meal Payment System?

On August 19, 2019, parents were notified that the MySchoolBucks meal payment system is being replaced by PaySchools Central beginning this school year.

**All money leftover in your MySchoolBucks account will automatically transfer to your new PaySchools account when you register on PaySchools Central.**

[Step-by-step instructions for registering on PaySchools Central are available online.](#)



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