A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



August 2018

CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending August 17, 2018

WE Are Counting Down to the Start

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOE Action Meeting

of School!

Students report to school on September 5, 2018.

I am happy to be checking in with you as we count down fewer than 3 weeks until school starts! We've decided this year to send this weekly District newsletter to ALL parents, not just subscribers. This means that even if you haven't subscribed to CHPS **WE**EKLY in the past, you'll now receive it every Friday. It's a great way to keep up with the news of the week and upcoming events. Sign ups for subscriptions are still available via the portal at the lower right side of the District web site home page.

On Tuesday, August 14 at the Board of Education Work Session Meeting, I announced, with great disappointment, that because the New Jersey Department of Education has missed its deadlines to approve our proposed bond projects, the date for our bond referendum special election has been postponed. The written version of my statement is available on the District web site, and the full video of the meeting is on our YouTube page. We will continue to keep you apprised of the bond situation and will announce the new special election date in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, as you continue your back-to-school preparations, here are a few friendly reminders:

- Please see the "Upcoming Events" column at right for new student orientation dates and times around the District, as well as our next Board of Education meeting and BOE Committee meetings.
- High school students' schedules were mailed on August 10. Packets including middle school students' placements will be mailed on August 24. Packets including elementary students' assigned teachers also will be mailed August 24.
- Please be sure to submit your student activities fee for middle and high school students to your respective school. <u>Details about the student</u> activities fee policy, a list of activities that are subject to the fee, and information regarding our <u>online PayPal option</u> are available online.
- For your planning purposes, all Back to School Night dates and times are now posted on the <u>District Events Calendar</u>. Be sure to check your school's web site for other events specific to that

August 28 @ 7 pm Malberg Administration Building 45 Ranoldo Terrace

High School Freshman Orientations <u>CHWest</u>

Students: August 29 @ 9 am-12 pm Parents: August 29 @ 7-8 pm

<u>CHEast</u>

Students: August 30 @ 5:40 pm Parents: August 30 @ 7:30 pm Please see the CHEast web site, <u>east.chclc.org</u> for details

Middle School New Student Orientations Rosa August 23 @ 7 pm

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August 29 @ 7 pm

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BOE Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

September 4 @ 6pm Malberg Administration Building 45 Ranoldo Terrace

BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

September 4 @ 7 pm Malberg Administration Building 45 Ranoldo Terrace building.

 If you haven't already, download our fantastic District App (it's free!) linked at the bottom of the <u>District web site home page</u>, and be sure to follow us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for the very latest happenings around the District.

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 5, 2018. **This is an early dismissal day for elementary students only.** Elementary students will be dismissed at 1 pm on September 5.

We're eager to welcome all of our students – returning and new – very soon!

Be sure to ask your children about summer reading! Discuss the book -- what was surprising? What events or characters did your child identify with while reading?

I'm happily counting the days to one of my favorite days of the year: the first day of school! I'm grateful to our incredibly dedicated buildings & grounds staff and custodial staff, who are putting the finishing touches on the schools.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our children and families!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

BOE Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

September 5 @ 6 pm Malberg Administration Building 45 Ranoldo Terrace

BOE Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

September 5 @ 7 pm Malberg Administration Building 45 Ranoldo Terrace

First Day of School SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 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 school **only** will operate on an early dismissal schedule on September 5, dismissing at 1 pm. The regular dismissal time of 3:30 pm resumes September 6.

READING Summer Reading Information Still



High School Garden Yields Big



Community Bulletin Board Offers Scouting, Sports & Events Information

Available

Summer reading titles and assignments for rising 6th through 12th graders are available on the <u>District</u> web site.

Crop

The harvest from the CHPS Alternative High School Garden continues! The vegetables pictured above, picked on July 31, added to the total of more than 75 pounds of produce donated to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry this summer. We've grown and donated globe and regular eggplants, Roma and grape tomatoes, cucumbers, and three kinds of peppers: green, banana and Cubanelle. In the coming weeks, we expect to begin harvesting our Chinese long beans as well.

Great job to our Alternative High School students for planting and tending to the courtyard garden!

Be sure to click the <u>Community Bulletin</u> <u>Board link</u> at the bottom of the <u>District web</u> <u>site</u> home page. You'll find information about after school programs, league sports, seminars, community events and other activities around Cherry Hill.

To post information on the Community Bulletin Board, please email the public information office at <u>publicinfo@chclc.org</u>

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