



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 8, 2018

Our Final Full Week

Next week marks our last 5-day week of the school year! Let's all find ways WE can make it count!

Amazingly, Monday, June 11 is the beginning of our final full week of classes in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. We're experiencing more days that feel like summer, with warmer temperatures and higher humidity, with more outdoor activities such as our elementary "field days" and the use of the outdoors for instructional time across all grade levels. It's a time of great anticipation for our students and staff. But before the school year slips away, I'd like to offer a few friendly reminders:

Now is a good time to get a jump on buying summer reading books or checking them out from the library. There is still one more opportunity to buy summer reading books at the 20%, tax-free discount from our community partner, Barnes and Noble of Cherry Hill. Titles for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders will be for sale in the Carusi Media Center on June 15 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Preorder forms to reserve your student's books are available online. Of course, you may purchase the titles in-store in the coming weeks, or check them out of the Cherry Hill Public Library (title availability will be limited at the library). I'm excited about the variety of titles and options for completing the summer reading assignments. Please consider reading along with your children this summer, and discussing the books. The official summer reading books can be just the beginning of your summer reading activities! When we approach summer reading as a fun opportunity, our children are likely to as well!

Please use this final full week of school to decide whom to thank before the end of the school year. A thank-you does not need to be elaborate – a simple in-person expression of appreciation, a brief note or email all have the potential of not only making the recipients' day, but buoying their

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Work Session

June 12 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace
Agenda available online

High School Commencement Ceremonies

June 19
Both take place at
Temple University's
Liacouras Center
West: 11 am

East: 4 pm

8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies

June 20

<u>Beck</u>: 9:30 am, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

<u>Carus</u>i: 10 am, Cherry Hill High School West, Jones Gym

Rosa: 2:15 pm, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 21

Early dismissal for elementary and middle school students

Board of Education Action Meeting

June 26 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

outlook for months or even years ahead. I cherish the notes that I have received from parents and students through the years. I had the great pleasure of attending our Recognition Tea for our retirees, pictured above, on Thursday afternoon, and was grateful for the opportunity to thank the attendees for their dedication to our students. The mutual expressions of gratitude at the event made the "goodbyes" – always bittersweet – much sweeter. I encourage you to thank your building administrators, teachers and staff, bus drivers and crossing guards, campus police, food service workers and custodians. All of these folks dedicate themselves to providing a wonderful learning environment for our children. Many of them will continue their work during the summer in our buildings to be ready for the new school year in the fall. Please let them know you appreciate all that they do!

Although everyone welcomes a break, we who work in the schools genuinely miss the students over the summer. We know many students will miss their teachers and other staff during summer break as well. Some students also are separated from their school friends as they go off to summer camp or leave town for the summer. The next week and a half provides valuable time for your children to say their goodbyes before going off to new summer adventures – and to know that we wish them well, and can't wait to hear about their experiences when they come back!

The schedule for our graduation ceremonies is listed in the "Upcoming Events" column at right. Please check with your individual elementary schools for information about Moving Up ceremonies. And don't forget: the last three days of school are early dismissal days for our elementary and middle schools. Be sure to follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, if you don't already, and download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store. We'll be sending one more CHPS WEEKLY on Friday, June 15, and then will be posting regular messages via social media and our web sites throughout the summer.

Have a lovely weekend. I'll be focusing on my own gratitude for the many great relationships and lessons this school year has brought. I hope you are able to do the same – and can express your gratitude whenever possible. Feeling thankful is wonderful; expressing that thanks is even better! Share your smile and your words, share yourself with those whom you come in contact, and cherish the moments that you have to spend with loved ones.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Cherry Hill High School West Wins Best in Show at Taste of South Jersey

Congratulations to the culinary arts students form Cherry Hill High School West, who, under the direction of family & consumer science teacher Christine Buchanan on June 4, 2018, won Best in Show at the Camden County Regional Chamber of Commerce's "A Taste of South Jersey" contest. Held aboard the USS New Jersey in Camden, the contest's theme was "Celebrate Our Big 5," meaning all five branches of the U.S. Military.

Pictured above, the West students placed ahead of tied runners-up The Mansion on Main Street and Zallie's Catering. West also earned a



Registration Open for Summer Workshops on College Applications & Testing

Registration is now available online for the Cherry Hill Public Schools' summer ACT, SAT-PSAT and College Essay workshops.

Parents/guardians and students also may register for the district's <u>free</u> Common App/Naviance Summer Workshop, open to all students and parents and held at Cherry Hill High School East.



Cherry Hill High School West Student Wins Best in Show, Scholarship at Art Contest

Congratulations to Cherry
Hill High School West senior
Matthew Valle, who won
"Best in Show" for one of his
works at the Camden
County College High School
Invitational on June 6, 2018.
Eleven schools from Camden
County participated in the
art show.

Pictured above with his winning entry, Matt not only received a \$150 Barnes and Noble gift card, but he also won a scholarship from Camden County College.
The scholarship is for two

runner-up award for Best consecutive years (up to 64 Dessert. credits) with tuition and fees waived. The work of another senior, Brianna Linneman, also is on display in the show this year. Both students are members of West's National Art Honor Society and displayed amazing work at the show. The art show runs through June 15 at the Marlin Gallery, in Lincoln Hall at the Blackwood campus.

