

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 2, 2016

The Power

UPCOMING
EVENTS

of Possibility

December is a great month to take young children to District events and performances, showing them what they might pursue in the future.

Those who are regular readers of this newsletter – or who have heard me speak as a principal or in my current role as superintendent – know that a familiar mantra of mine is “get involved, be involved.” And while this is the advice I most often give parents, I like to say it to our students as well. When I was Principal at Cherry Hill High School West, I couldn’t emphasize this to the students enough. Getting involved and being involved can be a student’s passport to a wonderful school experience.

What’s the best way to interest our students in joining clubs, teams and performing groups? Show them at an early age what’s available, and do our best to encourage them to try activities that interest them – even if the interest is slight at first. For example, this is the perfect time of year to take your elementary schooler or middle schooler to one of our high school plays. This weekend and next, Cherry Hill High School East offers the classic drama *The Miracle Worker*, while High School West is one of the first high schools in South Jersey to put on the musical *School of Rock*, pictured above, featuring not only the high school cast, but musician/actors from our middle schools as well. If you’ve never been to one of our high school productions before, you’ll be amazed at the talent involved in the show. And one of your children might be inspired to audition or join the stage crew one day, just from attending a performance. You’ll find details about both shows in the article below, at left.

The winter high school and middle school sports season is underway as well. Spectators can attend many games and competitions for free. I encourage you to check the athletic schedules on the [high school](#) and [middle school web sites](#) and take the family to some of these events. Again, the talent of our student athletes is inspiring, and so is the level of spirit and sportsmanship. Even if your children are already involved in club sports, they’ll find renewed inspiration by watching the “big kids” compete.

Don’t forget about our music concert offerings this season as well. Our singers and instrumentalists at all

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

December 5 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

December 5 @ 7pm
Malberg Administration Building

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

December 6 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

December 6 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Community Conversation: CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future

December 7 @ 2 pm Malberg
Administration Building,
Community Survey available at
www.chcl.org/board-of-education/vision-for-the-future

Board of Education Work Session

December 13 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Board of Education Action
Meeting

December 20 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

December 23

SCHOOLS CLOSED

December 24 - January 2

grade levels put on excellent programs, all for free. And the holiday music they play always boosts the spirit of the season.

No matter which events you attend, you'll see students working together to create something bigger than themselves. It's a good reminder that the next generation has a great deal to offer – and that the future is bright, indeed.

I look forward to seeing you at many of these events!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



High School Fall Shows Offer Drama, Humor & Music

Two fall shows open this weekend, as Cherry Hill High School East present's William Gibson's *The Miracle Worker* and Cherry Hill High School West presents *School of Rock*.

[The Miracle Worker](#) drama chronicles the real-life story of Annie Sullivan's single-handed work that changes the life of her deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller. Performances are scheduled for Fridays December 2 and December 9 (Red Cast) at 7:30 pm, and Saturdays December 3 and December 10 (White Cast) at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults and can be bought at 856-424-2222 ext. 2019. Box Office ticket sales will be available weekdays from Monday, November 28 to Friday, December



CHPS Students Earn Spots in Top Music Groups

Students from our middle and high schools will be performing in several prestigious choruses this year. Congratulations to Carusi students Michael Sagedy and Ella Arnauer, as well as Beck students Caitlin Cepeda, Ava McFadden, Ariana and Daniela Velasquez, who were all accepted into the 2017 All South Jersey Junior High School Chorus.

Congratulations also to the 15 East Vocal Students who placed

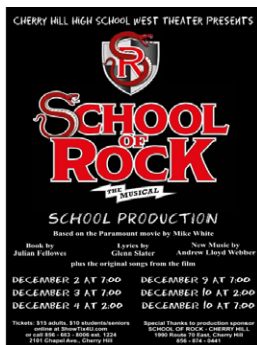


Wanted: Graduates from 2012-2016 for Young Alumni Board

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche invites Cherry Hill Public Schools graduates from the classes of 2012-2016 to be a part of the new Young Alumni Board, which will meet for the first time in late December.

Meetings will take place in person or virtually three to four times a year. Discussion will focus on what recent graduates found most useful – and what they wish had been available to them – during their time in

2, 10 am-1 pm, or an hour prior to each performance.



The musical [School of Rock](#) is the same show now playing on Broadway and based on the hit 2003 movie. The cast is composed of West high school students and student actor/musicians from Beck, Carusi and Rosa Middle Schools.

School of Rock will be performed on December 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7 pm and on Dec. 4 and 10 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. To purchase tickets, visit www.showtix4u.com or call (856) 663-8006 ext. 1224.

into the 2016-17 All-South Jersey Chorus, eight of whom placed in the top eight chairs: Jared Camacho, Jenna Camacho, Katie Cotter, Cassie Cuddihy, Jack Granite, Elizabeth Hallinan, Aliza Kotzen, Cate Marcelli, Cedric Middleton, Ben Paris, Leon Pintel, Kathryn Quay, Josh Thomas, Katherine Trauger and Matthew Young.

Kudos, too, to Jenna Camacho for placing into the ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) Honor Choir. More than 5,000 students auditioned and Jenna was among the 500 who were chosen. In March, she will perform at the ACDA National Conference in Minneapolis under the direction of world-renowned composer Eric Whitacre.

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School West students who earned places in the All-South Jersey Chorus 2016-17: Alyna Cabrera, Angelina DiFelice, Alana DiVito, David Kim and Michael Lazarow. Named to the All-State Mixed Chorus 2016-17 are West's Victoria Borrelli, Andrew Dunne, Sonia Kangaju, Michael Lazarow and Lauren Nutt. West students who made the All-State Women's Chorus 2016-17 are Angelina DiFelice, Jacquelyn Perez and Isabella Williamson-VonStenz. Also named to the All-Eastern Treble Choir 2017 is Victoria Borrelli.

the Cherry Hill Schools. "This information will help us continue to best meet the needs of our students," Dr. Meloche says.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Janet Cohen at (856)429-5600, extension 4309 or jacohen@chclc.org. Please indicate the time of day (morning, afternoon or evening) that works best for you.

Message



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