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





## **CHPS WEEKLY** District News for the week ending September 2, 2016

# Happy New Year! It Is Time to

UPCOMING EVENTS

# **Celebrate**!

#### WE are Cherry Hill!

The Cherry Hill School District welcomed more than 1,300 staff members to the beginning of the 2016-2017 academic year, on September 1st and 2nd! The opening of the school year is truly one of my favorite times of the year. The schools are clean and sparkling, new books and supplies are on the shelves and on the desks, bulletin boards are decorated – all that are missing are our 11,000 students. On Tuesday, September 6th, our celebration will begin in earnest as the hallways and classrooms are filled with excited voices and eager faces.

The familiar sight of the yellow school buses traveling the neighborhoods will be accompanied by children on bikes and families with cameras capturing the memories of the first days of the year. I am extremely grateful to all of the dedicated men and women in our buildings and grounds department, our cleaners and custodians, our transportation department, our technology department and our registration department for dedicated and thorough work during the summer to prepare our district to open.

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 live in such an incredible community.

Take time to reflect during this long weekend on the essence of Labor Day and the reason why, as a nation, we honor the men and women of the skilled trades, upon whose expertise and talent our country was built and is still maintained. A special thank you to all of our community members who are involved in the trades for their dedicated commitment to their craft.

Join the celebration of the school year!!

Regards,

#### Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

#### First Day of School SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 ALL STUDENTS REPORT

<u>High School</u> 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 grades 1-5 only will operate on an early dismissal schedule on September 6, dismissing at 1 pm. Kindergartners will follow a regular day schedule of AM students 9-11:30 am and PM students 1-3:30 pm. The regular dismissal time of 3:30 pm for grades 1-5 resumes September 7.

#### Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

September 6, 2016 6 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

#### Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

September 6, 2016 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

#### Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

September 7, 2016 6 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace P.S. Be sure to follow us on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for the very latest happenings around the District. Our <u>District Events Calendar</u> on the District web site is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. You'll find the 2016-2017 School Year "Overview" Calendar <u>here</u>. The "Overview" <u>calendars for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 are available</u> <u>as well</u>. For events and activities in the Cherry Hill Community, check out our <u>Community Bulletin Board</u> on our <u>web site</u>. And visit our <u>YouTube channel</u> for videos from around the District.

#### Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

September 7, 2016 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

#### BOE Work Session September 13, 2016 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace



### Important School Opening Information

As part of Cherry Hill Public School's continuing effort to enact sustainability practices whenever possible, the district this year asks parents/guardians to complete their beginning-of-the-year "paperwork" electronically. Please go to www.chclc.org/parents and

choose the links applicable to your child's or children's grade level(s).

Families unable to complete this process on-line may pick up paper forms at the main office of their school(s).

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact <u>the main</u> office of your child's school.

Thank you for your support helping us expand our efforts to be "green."



### Road Work throughout Township Will Cause Delays

Springdale Road is the latest of many roads across Cherry Hill Township undergoing major repairs this fall. Please plan for delays -- or seek alternate routes -- if this is on your route to school or work.

Be sure to check the District Web Site, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for regular updates on road work throughout Cherry Hill.



#### Rep. Donald Norcross Hosts College Affordability Roundtable at West

Rep. Donald Norcross (NJ-01) on September 1 hosted a college affordability roundtable at Cherry Hill High School West, with leaders from South Jersey colleges and universities, parents, students, teachers and guidance counselors, including several from West.

West Principal Dr. Kwame Morton, Assistant Principal Lou Papa, and Guidance Counselor Carole Roskoph, as well as CHPS Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche, all offered perspectives as both educators and parents. Another friendly reminder: Please be patient with the bus drivers for the first two weeks of school, as routes become familiarized and road repairs around the township may cause delays. West students weighed in with their struggles regarding looming college costs.

Rep. Norcross said he would share information from the roundtable session with Congressional colleagues to identify ways to address college affordability.

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