



Churchill Junior High School

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Dear Churchill Junior High School Parents and Guardians,

1. Important Dates for Advanced Planning:

March 18-21:	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Single Session Days for Students
March 18:	9 th Grade Career Fair
March 26-28:	CJHS Drama Club Performance – <i>13 Jr.</i> at 7:00 PM at CJHS
March 31:	Schools closed for students and 10-month staff – <i>Eid al-Fitr</i>
April 1:	Night of Jazz – 6:30 PM at JMPAC at HUES
April 11:	Last day of marking period 3
April 14-18:	Spring Recess

- 2. Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place next week on Tuesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 20 from 5:00-8:00 PM and Wednesday, March 19 and Friday, March 21 from 1:30-2:45 PM. **Conference days are single session days for students with dismissal at 12:32 PM and no lunch is served in grades 7-12.** Conference room assignments are attached to this message. Conference room assignments can also be found inside the building on conference days on large posters in the main office lobby, the north office lobby, and the cafeteria lobby.

- 3. Drama Club Production:** Join us for an opportunity to see excellence in the arts as the members of the Churchill Drama Club perform *13 Jr.* on Wednesday, March 26th, Thursday, March 27th and Friday, March 28th at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased at cjhs.booktix.com. Please see flyer for more information: ChurchillJuniorHighSchoolPresents.jpg.

- 4. 9th Grade Career Fair:** Students who are in 9th grade will have the opportunity to meet with a variety of professionals from many career fields and trades on Tuesday, March 18th at our 9th Grade Career Fair. This fair is organized by our school counseling department and the goal is to help 9th grade students learn about different career options as they prepare to transition to EBHS next year. Students are called down to the fair by their school counselor group during the school day. We appreciate the professionals who are taking time out of their day to meet with our 9th graders and provide them with helpful career information and experience.

- 5. Yearbook Sale:** If you are interested in ordering a school yearbook, you can place your order online by going to yearbookordercenter.com and entering the Churchill order code 4712. The current price of yearbooks until April 15 the price is \$35. Online sales end of April 15, 2025.

6. Helping the School and Community: The Butterfly Effect Club, the Churchill Student Council, our Sources of Strength club, and our Positive Behavior Supports in Schools initiative are helping our school and larger community with service projects and random acts of kindness. Here are some of the things these hardworking students are doing:

- Two 9th grade students are organizing a 5K Walk on Sunday, March 16 at the EBHS Track as part of their Butterfly Effect Club project. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital. Please open the flyer that is attached to this message for more details and a link to sign-up.
- A group of 9th grade students will be selling cookies as part of their Butterfly Effect Club project at the evening performances of *13 Jr.* on March 26-28 and proceeds from the cookie sales will be donated to Churchill Drama Club to help support future productions and events.
- Our Student Council led a very successful food drive for all homerooms in the school that concluded today. Food and supplies will be donated to Replenish, the Middlesex County Emergency Food Distribution Network to help resupply food pantries and soup kitchens around the county.
- Students in Sources of Strength recently visited Warnsdorfer Elementary School to read to elementary students for Read Across America. The event was very well received by the elementary students, and we appreciate the leadership and initiative that our students showed in modeling the importance of learning how to read.
- Our Positive Behavior Supports in Schools initiative is leading a Penny Wars competition across the classes, and they are collecting coins to donate to charity. The class with the most coins will choose a charity to donate the money. Collection jars are located in all the offices in the building. Each penny collected counts as a positive point and each silver coin (nickel, dime, or quarter) counts as negative points. The grade level with the most points will get to "pie" a teacher in the face with a whipped cream pie for their efforts. The teachers who have volunteered to be "pied" are: for 9th grade, Ms. Fordham and Mr. Russo; for 8th grade, Ms. Ciotola and Mr. Talbot; and for 7th grade, Mr. Ruzsala and Mr. Baron.

7. 16th Annual Night of Jazz – Tuesday, April 1st: East Brunswick Public Schools in partnership with the East Brunswick Education Foundation are excited to announce the 16th annual Night of Jazz on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 PM at the JMPAC at HUES. The evening will feature performances by the HUES, CJHS, and EBHS Jazz Ensembles. There will also be a feature performance by the R&B/Funk Group, "The Big Beat Band". Tickets are now available at ebarts.booktix.com for \$15 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. All proceeds will go directly to the East Brunswick Education Foundation to support grants for schools.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

Matthew N. Hanas