



PITMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Community,

It's hard to believe that we're nearing the end of the school year. I look forward to our students finishing the year strong and seeing community members at many of our remaining events, which are detailed below. Additionally, please see below for updates from our last Board meeting as well as some important information from our Technology Department.

Updates from our April Board of Education Meeting

- **New Leadership at the Jr./Sr. High School:** We are excited to announce the appointment of two outstanding educational leaders who will be joining the Pitman School District administrative team this year. Please join us in welcoming **Mrs. Christina Skanes** as the Assistant Principal of Academic Services and **Ms. Caitlin Hess** as the Assistant Principal of Athletics.

Mrs. Skanes is a familiar face to many in our district, and we are happy to welcome her back to Pitman. She returns after serving as the Director of Guidance for the Paulsboro School District, where she led district-wide student support initiatives. Prior to that, she was a dedicated school counselor at Pitman Middle School, known for her deep care for students and collaborative spirit. Her earlier experiences include counseling roles in Vineland and clinical work with the Youth Advocate Program and Robin's Nest in Glassboro, where she provided vital support to families and at-risk youth. Mrs. Skanes brings a compassionate, student-centered approach and a strong background in social-emotional learning, academic support, and comprehensive counseling services to her new role.

Ms. Caitlin Hess joins us from Kingsway Regional School District, where she has served with distinction since 2011 as a science teacher, coach, and most recently, as the department chair. Beyond the classroom, Ms. Hess has made her mark in athletics, leading Kingsway's girls cross country team to five consecutive South Jersey Group IV titles and earning a rare qualification for the Nike Cross Country National Championships—finishing in the top two in the entire Northeast. Her leadership, competitive drive, and deep commitment to student-athletes make her a dynamic addition to our team.

- **Board Meeting Recognition:** We extend our congratulations to Aubrie Yordy and Rebecca Mazzola, who were recognized during the meeting for their commitment and leadership as the student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2024–2025 school year.

A Tradition of Excellence

End of Year Events - Mark your Calendars!

Junior/Senior High School		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 2, 2025	Senior Awards	7 pm
June 3, 2025	Senior Banquet	6-9 pm
June 5, 2025	Sixth Grade Tours	1-2 pm
June 5, 2025	All Sports Banquet	5 pm
June 13, 2025	PHS Commencement	7 pm
Pitman Elementary School		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 6, 2025	Field Day	ALL Day
June 10, 2025	6th Grade Moving Up	1 pm
Memorial Elementary School		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 11, 2025	Field Day	ALL Day
June 13, 2025	First Grade Clap Out	Dismissal
District Events		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 4, 2025	Board of Education Recognition Ceremony	7 pm
June 11-13	Half Day (Students)	

Note from Technology

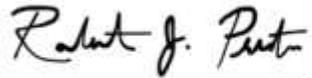
As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every student has access to reliable technology and to maintain the integrity of our District's educational resources, we will be implementing mandatory Chromebook insurance for all students in grades **3-12 during the 25-26 school year**.

The cost for this annual insurance will be **\$15 per student not to exceed \$45/family**. This small fee will cover any accidental damage of District-issued Chromebooks. Families who do not comply will be responsible for covering the full cost of any necessary repairs as the district will no longer be able to offer repairs at the reduced rate.

Chromebooks have become important tools in the classroom, and we want to make sure that these devices are protected. This insurance will not only protect the device but also ensure that students continue to have access to the technology, minimizing the disruption in the learning environment.

Additional details about the mandatory Chromebook insurance will be shared during the summer. We appreciate your support in helping us keep our students equipped and ready for learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Preston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert J. Preston

Superintendent