



Churchill Junior High School



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Churchill Junior High School Parents and Guardians,

Please review the section below about the supplemental device coverage for student laptops that is provided by the district. Repairs to damaged screens, keyboards, and charging ports can be costly. We highly recommend enrolling in the coverage in the event of unforeseen damage or technology issues. **The enrollment period closes next Friday, September 19th at 3PM.**

1. Important Dates for Advanced Planning:

- September 17: 7th Grade Back-to-School Night – 6:00-8:00 PM
- September 18: Yearbook Photos during PE/Health classes
- September 19: Yearbook Photos during PE/Health classes
- September 23, 24: Schools Closed: Fall Recess I – *Rosh-Hashanah*
- October 2: Schools Closed: Fall Recess II – *Yom Kippur*
- October 9: Student Club Fair – 2:45-3:30 PM in Cafeteria

2. Back-to-School Night: We are excited to welcome 7th Grade parents and guardians for Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 17th. The event runs from 6:00-8:00 PM. Parking on our school property is limited and will be largely used by staff members. Please plan accordingly and follow local regulations related to parking on side streets in the neighborhood. Physical education classes will meet in the cafeteria. The bell schedule for our 7th Grade Back-to-School Night is shown below:

Period	Time
1	6:00-6:15 PM
2	6:22-6:30 PM
3	6:37-6:45 PM
4	6:52-7:00 PM
5	7:07-7:15 PM
6	7:22-7:30 PM
7	7:37-7:45 PM
8	7:52-8:00 PM

3. Courtesy Activity/Late Buses: Churchill Junior High School is adjusting its courtesy activity/late bus schedule for this school year. Activity/late buses will depart at approximately 3:40 PM from the school on Thursdays only. Clubs and activities meet on various days throughout the week, not only Thursdays. Furthermore, we will again be offering drop-in academic support (see section below) in English, math, science, and social studies on several weekdays, including Thursdays, when activity/late buses are running. We encourage families to consider transportation needs when signing up for clubs on Community Pass in the event you need to make plans for transportation. The courtesy/late buses are only available for students who are staying after school for clubs or school-related activities such as extra help. Students riding a courtesy activity/late bus must have a bus pass which will be provided by the staff member who is supervising their club or activity.

4. East Brunswick Public Schools Device Coverage Plan: The District is again offering parents/guardians the opportunity to purchase Student Technology Device Coverage. This

supplemental coverage is \$50 per student. The registration period for enrolling in coverage is open until **Friday, September 19th, 2025** at 3PM; no exceptions. It is highly recommended to enroll in the coverage in the event of unforeseen damage or device failure. You need to register through [Community Pass](#) and choose the option for device coverage.

Again, enrollment for device coverage closes on Friday, September 19th at 3PM.

5. **Student Portraits:** Lora Photography will be at Churchill to take student portraits on Thursday, September 18th and Friday, September 19th during Physical Education and Health classes. You will be able to preview your student's portrait online prior to purchasing. Within seven days after Picture Day, you will receive an email from the school on how to view and purchase your pictures. A make-up picture day will be held on October 24 for any students who are absent on picture day. Also, if a student needs to retake their picture, the photographers will be available for retakes on that day.
6. **Churchill PTA:** The Churchill Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) helps to support programs for students and teachers at CJHS. The PTA welcomes all our students and parents back to CJHS for the 2025-2026 school year. The Churchill PTA gives teacher grants, makes donations, hosts events, and more. All of this is in support of our school! We have some exciting activities planned for our students and staff at our school this year and need the support of our parents to make this happen. The PTA membership drive is currently underway. See the attachment to read our letter and meet the new Board members. [Click here](#) to become a PTA member today. You can select either an individual or family membership.

Churchill PTA will be selling spirit wear at Back-To-School night. Look for the PTA table to purchase sweatshirts, T-shirts, shorts, sweatpants, pajama pants, long-sleeved shirts and more.

Please save the date for our first PTA meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Log in to meet our principal and learn more about the academic and extracurricular programs offered at Churchill and ask any questions that you may have.

7. **Academic Drop-in Support:** We will again be offering academic drop-in support after school in English, math, science, and social studies. Students must sign-up for help with their respective subject area teachers. Extra help rooms are limited to 10 students per room to allow the teacher to assist all students. All a student needs to do to sign up for extra help is to speak with their teacher respective English, math, science, or social studies teacher and provide the date they would like to attend the help session. Their teacher will add their name to the list. Extra help will be offered on Tuesday-Thursday afternoons from 2:45-3:30 PM. Courtesy activity/late buses only run on Thursday afternoons. You will need to make arrangements to provide transportation for your child if he or she is staying for extra help on Tuesday or Wednesday. Extra help sessions will begin on Thursday, September 18th and we will have the schedule with rooms and teachers who are available for extra help posted on our school homepage by next Wednesday, September 17th.
8. **Yearbook Ordering Information:** It is not too early to order a school yearbook. Early-bird pricing of \$35 is in effect through December 31, 2025. After December 31, the price will increase to \$40. Go to yearbookordercenter.com and enter the Churchill Junior High School order code **4712**.
9. **Hygiene Drive:** The East Brunswick Public Schools Student Services Department is collecting new, unopened hygiene supplies for EB students who are in need. Items requested include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, body wash, face wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, socks and underwear. Gift Cards are also welcome. Items can be dropped off at the Administration Building – 760 Rt. 18.

10. Calendars:

- a. [CJHS Calendar of Events](#)
- b. [EBPS District Calendar of Events](#)
- c. [EBPS One-Page School Year Calendar](#)

11. Athletics: The 2025 fall athletic season is getting underway. The [Athletic Department webpage](#) has important information related to athletic offerings and how you can sign your child up to participate in athletics. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the athletic event calendar. The National Federation of High School Sports and NJSIAA have partnered to “Bench Bad Behavior” at athletic events. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about how you can be a positive influence at athletic events.

12. Student Drop-Off Safety Reminders: I would like to remind parents and guardians about some important procedures related to student drop off in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon to help keep everyone safe.

- Student drop off in the morning for students who are being driven to school by a parent or guardian is on the right-hand shoulder of Norton Road. Again, please drop off students on the right-hand shoulder of Norton Road and do not allow your child to exit your vehicle into traffic on the roadway.
- Please do not pull into the school parking lot at arrival or dismissal unless there is a specific medical reason that your child needs to be dropped off closer to one of the entrance doors.
- Buses use the lane along the curb in our parking lot in front of the cafeteria. Please do not drive into this area because it infringes on bus traffic.
- Please do not allow students to exit your vehicle on the left-hand side of Norton Road as this creates an unsafe situation where students are exiting into traffic.
- Please do not use the Renee Road entrance at arrival or dismissal. School buses enter and exit the property from Renee Road and private vehicles can create an unsafe situation by interfering with bus traffic.
- Student pick up at dismissal for students who are being driven home from school by a parent or guardian is along the right-hand shoulder of Norton Road. Do not enter the parking lot to pick up your child because it creates an unsafe situation with the volume of students who are exiting the building.
- Please remind your student to only cross Norton Road at the marked crosswalk which is staffed by a crossing guard near our main driveway if they are walking home because this location has a crossing guard. Students who are walking home via Renee Road should only cross Renee Road at the marked crosswalk which is also staffed by a crossing guard.
- Please remind your child to wear a bicycle helmet if they are riding their bike/e-bike to school. If your child rides an e-bike, please remind your student to obey all local traffic regulations and we require that all students who ride e-bikes to walk their bike on school property and not ride the bike on sidewalks for the safety of all pedestrians.

Sincerely,

Matthew N. Hanas

Attachments: (1) Churchill Junior High School Yearbook Ordering Information (2) Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) Flyer (3) PTA – Upcoming Events Schedule