



Churchill Junior High School



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Churchill Junior High School Parents and Guardians,

1. Important Dates for Advanced Planning:

October 6-10:	NJ Week of Respect – <i>see spirit week theme days below</i>
October 8:	MP1 Interim Progress Reports Available in Parent Access
October 9:	Registration for Parent-Teacher Conferences Opens in Parent Access
October 9:	Student Club Fair – 2:45-3:30 PM in Cafeteria
October 20:	Non-school/Non-Workday for Students/10-month Staff – Diwali
October 21-24:	Parent-Teacher Conferences – Single Session Days for Students
October 24:	Student Portrait Make-up/re-take Picture Day

2. **Week of Respect:** Each year, the New Jersey Department of Education designates the first full week of October as the Week of Respect in public schools. This week is dedicated to promoting respect, kindness, and empathy within schools and communities. Churchill's Positive Behavior Supports in Schools initiative is organizing a spirit week for students and staff to highlight each day of the week. The theme days for the Week of Respect are:

- Monday, 10/6 – *Wear Blue* – World Day of Bullying prevention.
- Tuesday, 10/7 – *Let Respect Shine* – Wear something bright, shiny, or sparkly clothes.
- Wednesday, 10/8 – *Words are Powerful* – Wear a shirt with a positive slogan or saying.
- Thursday, 10/9 – *Mismatch Day* – Wear mismatched clothes to remind us to respect and celebrate our differences.
- Friday, 10/10 – *Celebrate Yourself!* – Wear clothing, accessories, or anything else that makes you, you!

3. **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Registration for Parent-Teacher Conferences will open in Parent Access at 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 9th. Parent-Teacher Conferences take place October 21-24. Evening conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 23 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Afternoon conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 22 and Friday, October 24 from 1:30-2:45 PM.

4. **Student Portraits:** Student portraits are now available online. [Click here](#) to preview your child's pictures. Please enter your child's student ID number in the text box labeled "Online Code" and your personal email address in the text box labeled "Email." Once you place your order, it will be shipped free to Churchill. If you have any questions or trouble placing an order, please contact Lora Customer Service at 908-964-0847 or email: customerservice@lorsstudio.com. A make-up picture day will be held on October 24th for any students who were absent on the picture days. Also, if a student needs to retake his/her picture, the photographers will be available for retakes on that day.

5. **Churchill PTA:** The Churchill Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) helps to support programs for students and teachers at CJHS. 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. Membership dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family, \$8 for teachers and staff, and \$10 for community members. Click here to join: <https://cjhs.givebacks.com/shop>.

Information on the PTA's fall spirit wear sale will be coming soon.

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.

TGIF night for 7th and 8th Grade will be on October 17th from 6pm to 8pm. This is a drop-off event. See the flyer attached for more information.

Always feel free to email the PTA with any questions or suggestions at ebchurchillpta@gmail.com
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Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/churchilljhspta>
TikTok - <https://www.tiktok.com/@churchilljhspta>

6. **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**.
7. **After School Academic Drop-In Help:** Extra help is available in English, math, science, and social studies on Tuesday-Thursday afternoons. This extra help is available at no cost, but your child must be signed up for the help by their core subject teacher in English, math, science or social studies. All your child needs to do is let their subject area teacher know that they would like to attend extra help and their teacher will add them to the extra help list. Extra help rooms are limited to 10 students per day to allow the teacher who provides help to assist all students. Please visit the [Academic Drop-In Support](#) tile on our school homepage to view the schedule and locations for extra help. Again, your child must speak with their academic teacher in English, math, science, or social studies to be placed on the list for help. 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.
8. **Calendars:**
 - a. [CJHS Calendar of Events](#)
 - b. [EBPS District Calendar of Events](#)
 - c. [EBPS One-Page School Year Calendar](#)

Sincerely,

Matthew N. Hanas

Attachments: (1) PTA – TGIF Night