



Churchill Junior High School



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Churchill Junior High School Parents and Guardians,

1. Important Dates for Advanced Planning:

- May 1: CJHS PTA 7th and 8th Grade TGIF
- May 5: NJSLA-Adaptive Writing Unit
- May 6: NJSLA-Adaptive Reading Unit
- May 11: NJSLA-Adaptive Math Unit
- May 13: Spring Chorus Concert
- May 15: International Night – *see details below*
- May 18: NJSLA Science 8 – 8th grade students ONLY - (Units 1 and 2)
- May 19: NJSLA Science 8 – 8th grade students ONLY - (Units 3 and 4)
- May 18: Spring Band Concert

2. New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA-Adaptive): Students in grades 7-9 will take NJSLA-Adaptive units in writing, reading, and mathematics starting next week. 8th grade students will also take the NJSLA-Science 8 test on May 18th and 19th. The schedule for when the assessments will be administered at Churchill is shown in the table below:

Date	Unit / Sessions	Session Length
Tuesday, May 5 (B-Day)	ELA Writing	1 session - 90 minutes
Wednesday, May 6 (A-Day)	ELA Reading	2 sessions - 75 minutes per session
Monday, May 11 (B-Day)	Math	2 sessions - 75 minutes per session
Monday, May 18 (A-Day)	Science 8	2 units - 45 minutes per unit
Tuesday, May 19 (B-Day)	Science 8	2 units - 45 minutes per unit

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- These assessments are computer-based. Students will need their school-issued laptop and charger each day for the assessment. Please ensure that your child’s device is fully charged the night before and bring their device and charger to school with them.
- Students will need a set of wired earbuds or wired headphones for the NJSLA-Adaptive tests. **Wireless Bluetooth earbuds, wireless Apple AirPods, and wireless headphones are not permitted.** The wired earbuds or wired headphones must have a 3mm audio jack that can be connected to the port on their school-issued laptop PC.

3. Churchill PTA Updates:

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 4th through May 8th. Please open the flyer that is attached to this message for information on how you can contribute.
- A 7th & 8th Grade TGIF Night will be held tonight, May 1, 2026. There will be basketball, volleyball and an inflatable. Water and snacks will be available for sale. Please open the flyer that is attached to this message for more information. Tickets are available at the door.

- You can help support the Churchill PTA as well as receive some great discounts at local retailers and restaurants by purchasing one of the PTA discount cards. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase a discount card.
- The Churchill PTA is currently accepting applicants who wish to be considered for the vacant 2026-2028 PTA positions. All positions are held for a 2-year term. Without parent volunteers the PTA is not able to function at its fullest capacity. The following positions are open next year: President, VP of Fundraising, Secretary and Social Media. Please submit a letter of interest to the attention of Churchill PTA by May 13th with the subject of Open Board Positions to ebchurchillpta@gmail.com

- 4. NJ School Climate Improvement Survey:** Our school is participating in survey data collection using the New Jersey School Climate Improvement (NJ SCI) Survey to help obtain multiple perspectives on aspects of school climate. Collecting data is important for understanding strengths and needs in our school and how it feels to be a member of the school community.

Your voice is important to us, and your opinions will help us to address current priorities. The survey is anonymous and it is voluntary. The results will be used to help create a plan to address school climate needs and make improvements to the school. You may submit a separate survey per child in the school building if you feel their experiences are different, but you do not have to.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) to take the survey and enter the password: **parent**.

If you have any questions during or after the survey, please contact Tara McGrath at tara.mcgrath@ebnet.org.

We will also administer a student survey on May 7, 2026. This is a chance for us to learn about your child's opinions about the school, but your child does not have to participate in the survey.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Tara McGrath at tara.mcgrath@ebnet.org. If you would prefer that your child **does not** participate in the survey, please reach out to your child's school counselor by May 4, 2026.

If you do not respond, it will be deemed that you approve for your child to participate in the survey if your child chooses to participate.

- 5. CJHS International Night:** Get ready to travel the world without leaving CJHS! On behalf of UnCommon Ground and the International Cultures Club, we are excited to invite you to our 3rd annual International Night!
- Join us on Friday, May 15th from 6–8 PM for an unforgettable evening celebrating the amazing cultures that make our school so special.
 - Students are welcomed to contribute their family's favorite dish, sing a song, dance, create a cultural display, or cultivate other ways to share what makes *your* culture unique. Bring your family along—this event is open to all CJHS students and their loved ones!
 - Tickets are \$2 for students (don't forget your ID!) and \$5 for adults (tickets include a raffle ticket!)

- Students may sign up using this [form](#) or scan the QR codes posted around the building—but don't wait, spots are first come, first served!
- Let's come together, celebrate culture, and create an evening of Unity. We can't wait to see you there!

Have a safe and relaxing weekend!

Sincerely,

Matthew Hanas