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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**June 2026**



# JUNETEENTH

DAY OF FREEDOM

**Schools and district closed  
Friday, June 19**



# A WORLD OF SUMMER PROGRAMS 2026

2026 World of  
Summer  
Programs  
Registration

Registration  
closes Thursday  
June 18





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# iPrep Academy School No. 8 Lottery Registration

Registration  
closes Friday  
June 19





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# 8th Grade Promotion Ceremonies

June 24 - June 25



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 24 – 9:00 am

School
George Washington Academy School No. 1
Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3
Joseph Battin School No. 4
Elmora School No. 12
Benjamin Franklin School No. 13
Abraham Lincoln School No. 14
Madison – Monroe School No. 16

All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are required to attend school through Thursday, June 25, 2026. Diplomas will be issued on the last day.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 24 – 9:00 am (cont.)

School
Robert Morris School No. 18
Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
John Marshall School No. 20
William F. Halloran School No. 22
Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 25 – 9:00 am

School
Winfield Scott School No. 2
Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5
Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6
Terence C. Reilly School No. 7
iPrep Academy School No. 8
Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9
Christopher Columbus School No. 15

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies

## June 25 – 9:00 am (cont.)

School
Victor Mravlag School No. 21
Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23
Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26
Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27
Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28
Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30

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# High School Graduation/ Class Awards Ceremonies

June 24-June 25



# High School Graduation/Class Award Ceremonies

## Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center

High School	Date	Time	Arrival
John E. Dwyer Technology Academy	June 24	8:30am	7:30am
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	June 24	11:30am	10:30am
Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson STEM Academy	June 24	2:30pm	1:30pm
Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy	June 24	5:30pm	4:30pm
Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy	June 25	8:30am	7:30am
J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy	June 25	11:30am	10:30am
Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy	June 25	2:30pm	1:30pm
Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy	June 25	5:30pm	4:30pm

All 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students are required to attend school through Thursday, June 25, 2026.



**News From Central**

Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

# EHS – FJC TEACHER HONORED AS 2026 CHAPTER ADVISOR DISTINGUISHED LECTURER AWARD WINNER



**NEHS**  
NATIONAL ENGLISH  
HONOR SOCIETY  
*for High Schools*

Elizabeth High School - Frank J. Cicarell Academy English teacher Nicole Marcianti has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Chapter Advisor Distinguished Lecturer Award. This prestigious honor is presented by the National English Honor Society (NEHS) Advisory Council and the Ivy League Consortium.

Marcianti earned the accolade for her outstanding presentation, "Domestic Spaces as Psychological Prisons: The Evolution of Female Entrapment from 18th Century Gothic to Modern Horror."

"Your lecture was of extremely high quality and the evaluators tasked with reviewing your work commended it highly," stated National English Honor Society Director Christopher Lockwood in his letter announcing the award. "Your dedication to the pursuit of knowledge for the sake of personal and professional growth is among the strongest we have seen, and your knowledge base is both substantial and impressive."

Perhaps most impressively, Marcianti's lecture will now become a permanent part of the Ivy League Consortium's curriculum. It will be incorporated as a required component into both in-person and online courses across participating Ivy League institutions. This summer, she will submit her abstract and recorded lecture, and she has been invited to further engage with Ivy League faculty and students through future in-person presentations, seminar discussions, and online interactive meetings.

## JVJ STEM ACADEMY COUNSELOR HONORED AS 2026 NJACAC SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson (JVJ) STEM Academy School Counselor Nicole Webb was honored by the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling as the 2026 NJACAC School Counselor of the Year at the NJACAC Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

The NJACAC is New Jersey's affiliate of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, with a membership dedicated to helping students transition to college that includes school counselors, college/university admission counselors, university administration, independent educational consultants, and retirees from the profession.

The School Counselor of the Year Award recognizes a school counselor in New Jersey who exemplifies excellence and dedication in supporting students through the transition from high school to college.

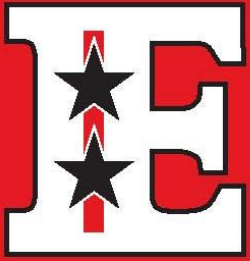
Webb has served the profession with distinction for the past 10 years as a school counselor, following seven years as a science teacher, having made a tremendous impact on student success through her leadership, compassion, and student-centered approach. She has been honored twice by the Governor's Educator of the Year program, once previously as a teacher at the K–8 level and this school year as an educational services professional at the high school level.



# SCHOOL NO. 28 EARNS FFVP VIP AWARD FOR THE SECOND TIME



Juan Pablo Duarte - José Julián Martí School No. 28 was awarded the second-place Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program's (FFVP) Very Impressive Produce (VIP) Award by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) during a recent ceremony at the school. Michelle Murdock, Director of the FFVP for the NJDA, came to present the award and acknowledged the hard work and dedication that the school has put into implementing the FFVP. School No. 28, which also previously earned the first-place VIP Award in 2019, will be receiving materials to create a mobile kitchen that will allow teachers to give their students a hands-on cooking experience by following one of the "Jersey Tastes!" recipes shared from the FFVP that highlights a "Harvest of the Month" produce item. The FFVP provides the opportunity for school children to try new, healthier foods and increases their fruit and vegetable consumption, ultimately leading to lifelong dietary habits.



# ELIZABETH ATHLETICS

## ELIZABETH CHEERLEADER EARNS FIRST EVER ALL-STATE HONORS FROM NJCDCA

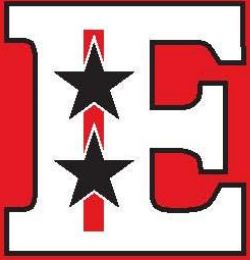


The Elizabeth Public Schools athletics program has achieved an unprecedented milestone, celebrating its first-ever selection to the New Jersey Cheerleading and Dance Coaches Association (NJCDCA) All-State Team.

Varsity Cheerleader Genesis Melendez was one of 14 athletes named to the NJCDCA 2nd Team All-State Cheer and Dance Team. She was formally recognized during the NJCDCA Athletes and Scholars Awards Banquet at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune with Elizabeth Varsity Cheerleading Coach Sandra M. Evaristo in attendance for support.

Established in 1991, the NJCDCA All-State Team is one of the highest honors in New Jersey cheerleading. Out of hundreds of eligible athletes statewide, 30 athletes overall were recognized with All-State honors.

Melendez has consistently exemplified excellence both on and off the mat. She serves as a two-year team captain, is a National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) All-American Nominee, an NCA Leadership Award recipient, and an NJCDCA Game Day State Champion. Her academic and civic achievements are equally stellar as she is an Elizabeth's Promise Awards scholarship recipient and the salutatorian of her graduating class at J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy.



ELIZABETH  
ATHLETICS

## TWO ELIZABETH CHEERLEADERS EARN ALL-AMERICAN HONORS FROM NCA



Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy cheerleaders Illeana Hernandez (senior captain) and Cheyla Wilhite (sophomore) earned prestigious selections to the 2025–2026 National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) All-American Team, one of the highest national recognitions in the sport.

NCA and Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) are the two major governing and event companies in American cheerleading.

Additionally, Hernandez was selected to return as an NCA/UCA Varsity Staff Member, opening the door to potential future career opportunities with the world-renowned cheerleading organization.

These monumental accomplishments reflect the talent, dedication, and growth of the Elizabeth Athletics High School Varsity Cheerleading program.

# TJAA A CAPELLA CHOIR EARNS SILVER MEDAL AT NJ TEEN ARTS FESTIVAL

**TANJ**  
STATE TEEN ARTS  
FESTIVAL



The Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy A Cappella Choir was awarded a Silver Medal honor in the Large Vocal Music art form category at the State Teen Arts Festival on June 1 at Middlesex College in Edison. Adjudicators rated their performance, “There will Be Rest & Chilli Con Carne”, based on several criteria, including vocal tone (vocal placement, tone quality), diction (vowel purity, proper execution of consonants, evenness of vowels throughout range), technique (breathing, posture), interpretation (expression, phrasing), musicianship (intonation, artistry, presentation, poise), appropriateness of repertoire, and overall performance. Each member of the a capella choir was awarded a certificate for their performance and their photo will be posted on the Teen Arts Festival website along with other honorees for the next year.



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