



Churchill Junior High School

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Dear Churchill Junior High School Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank our staff and students for taking time over the past several days to remember and reflect on the events of September 11, 2001. While it was a day of tremendous loss, it also demonstrated the strength of people coming together to help one another in the face of tragedy. I would especially like to thank our Social Studies teachers for helping students understand the significance of this day and for leading thoughtful lessons that honored the memories of those affected. As we commemorate this anniversary, I ask that we never forget the lives lost, the sacrifices made, and the lessons learned. May we continue to honor the spirit of service, resilience, and unity through our own actions every day.

1. Important Dates for Advanced Planning:

Wednesday, September 16:	7 th Grade Back-to-School Night – 6:00-8:00 PM
Monday, September 21:	Schools Closed – Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 23:	8 th /9 th Grade Back-to-School Night – 6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, October 1:	Club/Activity Fair (students only) 3:00-3:45 PM in Café

2. Back-to-School Nights: We are excited to welcome parents and guardians for Back-to-School Night on the evenings listed below. Each 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.

- Wednesday, September 16th: 7th Grade Back-to-School Night
- Wednesday, September 23rd: 8th & 9th Grade Back-to-School Night
- The bell schedule for Back-to-School Night is as follows:

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. 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 \$75 per student. The registration period for enrolling in coverage is open until Friday, September 18th, 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 18th at 3PM.

4. **Student Portraits:** School pictures will take place on Monday, October 5th and Tuesday, October 6th during Physical Education and Health classes. You will be able to preview your photos 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 November 9th for any students who are absent. Also, if a student needs to retake their picture, the photographers will be available for retakes on that day.
5. **Churchill PTA:** The Churchill Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association (CJHS PTA) helps to support programs for students and teachers at CJHS.
 - Important Upcoming PTA Dates:
 - September 30th: PTA Meeting in CJHS cafeteria from 6:30pm -7:30pm. Meet our principal and learn more about the academic and extracurricular programs offered at Churchill. The East Brunswick Police Department will be in attendance as well and will talk with families about e-bike rules and safety.
 - Friday, October 9th: "Monster Bash" Event for 7/8th grade students. General Ticket Sales Drop Sept 22nd.
 - Join the PTA! You don't have to dedicate any extra time; buying a membership helps us immensely. Membership dues: \$10/individual or community member, \$15/family (2 memberships; best value), \$8/ teachers & staff.
 - Click here to join: <https://cjhs.givebacks.com/shop>.
 - Additionally, only members can volunteer at PTA events. If you'd like to be considered for volunteer opportunities sign up [HERE](#).
 - Please sign [THIS PHOTO RELEASE](#) form if you'd like your children included in PTA event photos.
 - Follow & Contact Info:
 - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cjhspta> Instagram - @churchilljhspta
 - TikTok - @churchilljhspta
 - Email: ebchurchillpta@gmail.com
 - For expanded info on the CJHS PTA events, voting, & more, please visit the CJHS PTA pages on the district website here: <https://ch.ebnet.org/churchill-pta/announcements>
6. **Calendars:**
 - [CJHS Calendar of Events](#)
 - [EBPS District Calendar of Events](#)
 - [EBPS One-Page School Year Student Calendar](#)
7. **Athletics:** The 2026 fall athletic season is getting underway. The [Athletic Department webpage](#) has valuable 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.

Sincerely,

Mathew N. Hanas

Attachments: (1) PTA Meeting (2) PTA Welcome Back and (3) PTA Monster Mash Bash