Churchill Junior High School

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Dear Churchill Junior High School Parents and Guardians,

1. **Important Dates for Advanced Planning:**

November 3:	Non-school Day for Students
November 5-6:	Non-school Day for Students & 10-month staff
November 9:	Makeup Picture Day
November 15:	EBEF Bear Crawl
November 18:	Report Cards issued
November 24:	Fall Athletic Season Awards Night – 6 PM in Cafeteria
November 25:	Single Session Day for Students & Staff – 12:32 PM Dismissal
November 26-27	Schools Closed for Thanksgiving
December 1:	CJHS Band Concert – 7PM at JMPAC at HUES
December 3:	CJHS Orchestra Concert – 7PM at JMPAC at HUES
December 5, 6:	EBEF Barnes and Noble Book Fair
December 14:	*Rising* 9th Grade Parent Information Night – 6 PM in Cafeteria
December 15:	CJHS Chorus Concert – 7PM at JMPAC at HUES
January 12:	*Rising* 8th Grade Parent Information Night – 6PM in Cafeteria
January 19:	*Rising* 7th Grade Parent Information Night – 6PM in Cafeteria

2. **Student Laptop Charging and Care:** Please remind your child to charge their laptop at home every night and bring the laptop and charger to school fully charged every day. We have a limited supply of loaner devices to lend to students who do not have their computer or charger.

3. **Student Drop-Off Reminders:** If you are driving your child to school in the morning or picking your child up at dismissal time, please do not enter the parking lots for drop-off or pick-up unless your child has a special circumstance such as a medical injury or they are carrying a large musical instrument. Student drop-off is located on the right-hand shoulder of Norton Road. Please do not allow your student to exit your vehicle into a traffic lane on Norton Road. Again, only use the right-hand shoulder and ask your child to exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk. The sidewalk in front of the cafeteria is reserved for bus drop off.

4. **2026-2027 Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program:** New this year, students in grades 7–12 and parents/guardians of all students will be able to submit nominations for the Governor's Educator of the Year and an education support staff person. Please be sure to include the nominee's first and last name. Nominations are anonymous and those submitted without a full name will not be considered. Please use the link below to visit the nomination form.
Parent/Student Nomination Survey for Staff Awards – Fill out form

5. **Order Your Yearbook Today:** The 2026-2027 CJHS Yearbook is now on sale. To place an order, visit yearbookordercenter.com and enter school code **4712**. Yearbooks are currently on sale for $35 until October 31st. The price for a yearbook rises to $40 from November 1st through December 31st, and $45 from January 1st through April 15th.

6. **Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications:** Children need healthy meals to learn. The East Brunswick Board of Education offers healthy meals every school day at the prices that may be found in the chart on the letter that can be accessed using this link. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals and Summer EBT benefits. Children may receive free or reduced price meals and Summer EBT benefits if your household's income meets certain requirements. Please visit Parent Access for a convenient way to fill out the meal application.

7. **Battle of the Coins:** October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our school is partnering with the MKS for Memorial Sloan Kettering Foundation to raise money for breast cancer research and treatment. We also want to provide our students with an opportunity to work together as a school community to help a great cause! We are running a Battle of the Coins event in which we have jars for each administrator (Ms. Cunningham – 7th Grade, Mr. Evanovich – 8th Grade, Mrs. DeLuca – 9th Grade and Mr. Hanas). We are encouraging staff and students to contribute coins or small bills to the jars and the administrator who raises the most money will wear an inflatable bear costume on Friday, October 30 during all the lunch periods. If you are in the building next week for Parent-Teacher conferences, please consider contributing to the cause.

8. **CJHS Clubs:** Registration for clubs and activities is now open. You can find the list of available clubs at CJHS here. To participate, students must be registered through Community Pass. Please log in to your account to complete the registration and submit the activity fee. If you have any questions regarding your account, call 732-613-6674. Registration for some clubs such as Model Congress and Math Team opens slightly later on October 16th.

9. **Picture Day Proofs:** Online images from Lors Photography Picture Day are available for viewing. Please click here to visit the online portal and enter your student's ID number as your online code. You will also need to provide your email address.

10. **Picture Day Makeups:** If your child was absent or needs to retake his/her picture, the photographers will be here on November 9th.

11. **The East Brunswick Education Foundation's 4th annual Bear Crawl**: The event will be on November 15th at 8:30 AM. Kids races will begin at 10:00 am. Register online today! https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/EastBrunswick/EBEFBearCrawlA5KRunWalk

12. **Churchill PTA:** The Churchill Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association (CJHS PTA) helps to support programs for students and teachers at CJHS.
    - Our spirit wear (BearWear) online shopping is now open! Orders can be placed through Nov 6th. Your school pickup will be available by the end of November. https://cjhs.givebacks.com/shop
    - Mark your calendars for our online-only See's Candies Holiday Fundraiser beginning November 1st! See's Candies is the perfect affordable luxury and makes a great holiday gift for teachers, friends, and family. Best of all, every purchase directly supports our PTA and funds vital programs for our students. Keep an eye on your inbox on November 1st for the official shopping link! See the flyer for more info.
    - Want to help Giveback? Like to shop on Amazon? Shop our Staff Care Cart Wishlist here & help support our CJHS teachers & staff: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3K35DG18ANX31
    - 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 pageshere: https://ch.ebnet.org/churchill-pta/announcements

13. Calendars:

- CJHS Calendar of Events
- EBPS District Calendar of Events
- EBPS One-Page School Year Student Calendar

Sincerely,

Mathew Hanas

Attachments: (1) Yearbook Order Form (2) PTA Spirit Wear Sale (3) Sees Candy Fundraiser