

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



# CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending February 3, 2017

## Black History Month

**February is Black History Month, with opportunities for learning and discussion throughout our schools and community.**

As we turned the calendar to the month of February this week, we embarked on Black History Month – an opportunity to highlight the accomplishments and contributions of members of the Black community, which we don't necessarily hear about on a regular basis. This is a great month for our schools, as our diverse and inclusive community has so much to offer in terms of programs, role models and speakers to enhance student learning.

Beck Middle School, for example, has several activities and curriculum additions set to take place in the coming weeks. Members of the Beck Ambassadors student group, pictured above, are preparing lessons and activities related to Black History Month. One activity will

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting**

February 6 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration Building

#### **Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting**

February 6 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

#### **Business & Facilities Committee Meeting**

February 7 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration Building

#### **Board of Education Special Meeting - Executive Session**

No action will be taken at this

be a trivia question that relates to Black History, presented each day this month. The question will be read during the morning announcements. The first RAP to email back with the correct response will win for that day. Each day's winner will be announced at the end of the day. The team with the most correct answers during the month will win a prize.

Outside of our schools, the Cherry Hill Public Library is offering a Black History Movie Series beginning tomorrow, February 4, with *Akeelah and the Bee*, a wonderful family movie about a young girl from South Los Angeles who strives to compete in the National Spelling Bee. As part of the movie series, a different film will be shown each weekend through February 18 in the library's Conference Center. Admission is free and no registration is required.

The Cherry Hill African American Civic Association (CHAACA) is in the process of judging entries in its Poster-Essay-Video Contest for students in K-12. Awards will be presented at the February 28 Board of Education Action Meeting. This year's theme was African Americans in the Arts. Submissions were required to depict an African American in the arts before 1960, including the performing arts (music, dance, theater and film), media arts (photography, cinematography) and visual arts (drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpting). I am always amazed by the hard work and creativity demonstrated by our students' entries and look forward seeing to this year's results.

As a former history teacher, avid reader and member of the Board of the Cherry Hill Public Library, I highly recommend that you go to the library, ask about good titles relating to Black History Month, and check out one or two. (You may get a library card on the spot if you don't already have one!) Some of my favorites include *I Love My Hair*, *Shades of Black*, *Beloved*, *Dreams from My Father*, and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. The cold weather is still upon us – it's the perfect season to curl up with a good book and learn something new!

I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Regards,

*Joseph N. Meloche*

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

meeting

February 7 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building  
(Strategic Planning Committee Meeting originally scheduled for this date and time is canceled.)

### **Board of Education Work Session**

February 14 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

### **5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Parent Program: Internet Safety: The Dangers of Sharing Too Much**

Presented by the Cherry Hill

Police Department

February 22 @ 7 pm

Carusi Middle School

### **Board of Education Action Meeting**

February 28 @ 7 pm

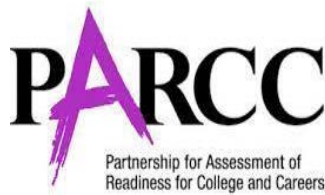
Malberg Administration Building



## CHPS Students Nominated to Military Service Academies

On Thursday, Congressman Donald Norcross joined with South Jersey high school students and their families to announce and congratulate the region's 2017 military service academy nominees. Students wishing to attend one of the nation's four military service academy must receive a nomination from his or her representative, senator or the vice president. This year, five students from Cherry Hill High School East were among 28 South Jersey students selected by a committee of community leaders to receive nominations to the Air Force Academy, Military Academy at West Point, Merchant Marine Academy and the Naval Academy.

"These students represent the best of the best of South Jersey," Congressman Norcross said. "They are a credit to our community and our country, and whatever path they choose, I know each of them will go on to do great things."



## FAQ: Why is the PARCC Assessment Valuable for My Child?

PARCC testing begins for [high school students on March 28, 2017](#) and for [middle and elementary school students on April 19](#). Schedules vary according grade level and subject. The Cherry Hill Public Schools Assessment Office has put together [an FAQ document to answer common questions about the PARCC assessment process](#). All parents are encouraged to read this FAQ.

As a reminder, the State Board of Education has approved updated state regulations for the high school graduation assessments requirements in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2017 through 2021, and beyond.

Click on the links below for charts containing the list of assessment requirements in both ELA and mathematics for the high school graduation Classes of 2017 through 2021 and beyond:



## Kindergarten Registration Dates and Middle School Open Enrollment Materials Now Available

Kindergarten/first grade registration for children entering public school for the first time begins on March 7, 2017 at the Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace. **Children must be 5 years old by October 1, 2017 to be eligible for kindergarten.** It is not necessary to bring your child to register. Specific dates and times for each school are available on the [District web site](#).

Information meetings for 5th grade students and their parents will take place in late January and early February. Parents and students are recommended to attend the session at their sending school and at Rosa International Middle School. Dates and times of the

Pictured from left: Kevin Murphy, United States Military Academy Nominee; Elizabeth Lee, United States Military Academy Nominee; Aaron Schiff, United States Merchant Marine Academy Nominee; Joseph Lapinson, United States Military Academy Nominee; and Tyler Parsons, accepted to the United States Naval Academy.

[Class of 2017](#)

[Class of 2018 and 2019](#)

[Class of 2020](#)

[Class of 2021 and beyond](#)

information sessions, as well as the open enrollment period dates, are available on the [District web site](#). Instructions for how to apply for Open Enrollment at Rosa International Middle School also are available on the [District web site](#).

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