

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending February 17, 2017

Success! Achievement at the Highest Levels

All around the District this week, students' mastery and hard work gave them – and all of us – reasons to celebrate.

In our schools, we talk about success and achievement on a daily basis. Academic success, athletic success, school success, district success and on and on. We love to celebrate success and to learn from our success so that we can be engaged in a cycle of continuous improvement.

Success is really about mastery, and there is nothing like witnessing a child develop mastery of a skill. Last week, with our elementary students' celebration of the 100th day of school, I was thrilled to hear the stories and see the images of these young students experiencing "aha!" moments as they mastered the concept of the number 100.

This week, mastery meant success for many of our older students on teams of all varieties. The Rosa Middle School Boys Basketball Team and both of the Cherry Hill High School East Swim Teams, as detailed below, demonstrated fantastic achievements in their end-of-season games and meets. Cherry Hill West's Joshua Lipko showed great mastery in bowling as he qualified for a spot in the New Jersey individual state bowling tournament, as did Anthony Mathis from Cherry Hill East. The term "mastery" is mentioned often in chess as well, and the East Chess Team won the South Jersey Chess League Championship for the fourth year in a row. (Their trophy is pictured above.) East Robotics wrapped up a phenomenal regular season and looks forward to the State Championship, held at Cherry Hill East on March 4. This team of masterful robot builders fully expects its 8th State win in a row, with

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Special Ed Parents Information Session

February 22 @ 6:30 pm
Rosa International Middle School
(Same program offered again
March 2 @ 6:30 pm
Beck Middle School)

Board of Education Action Meeting

February 28 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Broadway Night

March 2 @ 7 pm
(with Special Guests: Rosa
singing groups)
and March 3 @ 7 pm
(with Special Guests: Carusi
singing groups)
Cherry Hill High School West

advancement yet again to the World Tournament.

Years of hard work and dedication of our students, their parents, teachers, advisers and coaches have led to the mastery that fuels their success. I encourage all parents of younger children to bring the whole family to our high school sports events, to academic competitions and to the Robotics State Championship. Being a spectator at these events opens up achievement possibilities to our young children. They may find a passion for something they had no idea even existed! Attending these events can help build enthusiasm in a rising ninth grader for what's ahead in high school; for a rising sixth grader for what's ahead in middle school. As we see time and time again, enthusiasm in the foundation for involvement, mastery and success.

Please stay in touch with the district and stay informed about what is taking place. Please visit the district website (<http://www.chclc.org/>) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). If you have questions related to the district, please share them with us! Try the new "Quick Question" feature on our website at www.chclc.org/community/quick-question

Have a wonderful weekend. Thank you for sharing your success with our students and with our educational community.

Regards,

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CHPS Winter Sports Teams Bring Home Big End-of-Season Wins



Based on Valuable Feedback, PARCC Makes Improvements to



Kindergarten Registration Dates and Middle School Open Enrollment

Congratulations to the Rosa International Middle School Boys Basketball Team, pictured above, for their undefeated season this year! Under the direction of Coach Jules Farkas, the team earned undefeated status in their final home game with a score of 85-69 over Kings Christian Academy.



Congratulations also goes out to both the Girls and the Boys Swim Teams at Cherry Hill High School East. Both teams won their Sectional Championship meets this week. The girls' team, pictured above, brought home the South Jersey Group A trophy for the first time in four years on February 15.

The boys' team won Sectionals for the ninth straight year on February 16.

the Assessment Process

The Cherry Hill Public Schools Assessment Office is excited to share improvements to this year's PARCC assessment. Parents and educators statewide voiced concerns and suggestions, and were heard. [Click here to see a chart of the improvements.](#)

Parents concerned about PARCC accessibility are encouraged to refer to the brochure, [Expanding Access: Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in PARCC Assessments—A Parent's Guide.](#)

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 also offers [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:

[Class of 2017](#)

[Class of 2018 and 2019](#)

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 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.](#)

[Class of 2020](#)

[Class of 2021 and beyond](#)

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