

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



**CHPS WEEKLY**

District News for the week ending February 24, 2017

# Keeping Our Children Safe in the Internet Age

**The first “online generation” is coming up through our schools, and it’s one of our greatest responsibilities – and challenges – to help them navigate online media safely.**

Technology is an amazing educational tool. As I visit our schools, I am always struck by the ease with which even our youngest students use the desktop computers, laptops, chromebooks and iPads in the classrooms. We do not yet have a one-to-one initiative with technology – meaning the district does not provide one device to every student – but it’s a vision of the future for the Cherry Hill Public Schools. In the meantime, our students are taught via technology on a daily basis, whether by using devices individually or participating in a lesson presented on a SmartBoard – all of which have controls over what may be accessed. Beyond the walls of our buildings, younger and younger students are given devices such as cell phones and tablets for personal use away from school every day. And those devices are put to exhaustive use not only for homework assignments, but for social interaction via texting, FaceTiming and the like, and social media posting.

For most parents, our children’s technology savvy can be disconcerting. Time and again parents have voiced concerns about what their children have access to, as well as who has access to their children, while online.

This past Wednesday, the Cherry Hill Police Department’s Community Relations Office presented an evening program at Carusi Middle School for parents of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders titled “Internet Safety: The Dangers of Sharing Too Much.” The hour-long session was eye-opening for those in attendance. Not only must we all set boundaries for our children with their internet use, we must be clear about our expectations for their behavior and the consequences for when they behave

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

February 28 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building

### **Special Ed Parents Information Session**

March 2 @ 6:30 pm  
Beck Middle School

### **Broadway Night**

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

### **All Cherry Hill Band & Orchestra Concert**

March 6 @ 7 pm  
Cherry Hill High School West

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

March 6 @ 6 pm  
Malberg Administration Building

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

March 6 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building

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

March 7 @ 6 pm  
Malberg Administration Building

inappropriately. Officer Renee Houlihan provided real life examples from around the country of students who took their own lives after being bullied online. She showed interviews with young men who, in making bad decisions regarding sharing inappropriate photos, were convicted of distributing child pornography and will remain on the Sex Offenders Register until they are in their forties, ruining their education and employment prospects. Officer Houlihan explained steps to take to avoid these scenarios, as well as advice for what to do if you discover your child is either a victim or perpetrator of inappropriate images and/or messages.

After a question and answer session at the end of the program, several parents asked for a follow-up program. We are looking into offering this sometime later in the spring or early in the fall. In the meantime, I recommend the web site <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents> for information on keeping children of all ages safe. And for lists of common text and chat acronyms, see [www.netlingo.com/top50/index.php](http://www.netlingo.com/top50/index.php) As parents, it is okay for us to take our children's phones/devices and to secure them in the evening – or at any time. Our children look to us to set boundaries and to uphold those boundaries.

The more informed we all are, the safer we can make our children's ever-changing world. Please be sure to keep up with news about our informational programs and other items of note around the District by checking our web site, <http://www.chclc.org/>, regularly and following us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). Submit a question through our [Quick Question portal](#). Join me for my regular [Online Lunch Live Stream](#) or watch it later on the [CHPS YouTube channel](#). I welcome your questions and suggestions.

Good luck to the High School East Boys Swim Team as they compete for the State Championship on Saturday at The College of New Jersey!

Enjoy the last bit of unseasonably warm weather this weekend – the final weekend in February!

Regards,

*Joseph N. Meloche*

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## Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

March 7 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

## Kindergarten Registration Begins

March 7, 8 am-4 pm,

Malberg Administration Building

**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.

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## Cherry Hill High School East Spring Musical

*Ragtime\**

March 10, 11, 17 & 18

@ 7:30 pm

March 12 & 19 @ 2 pm

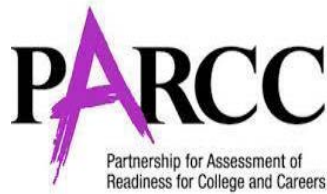
*\* WARNING: This program contains strong, potentially offensive language. Parental discretion is advised.*



## Cherry Hill East Symphony Orchestra Performs at Kennedy Center

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School East Symphony Orchestra for being chosen to play in the Music Celebrations International Capital Orchestra Festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on February 20.

The East orchestra, pictured above in rehearsal, was one of three student orchestras invited to play at the event. Under the direction of Mr. Timothy Keleher, the students played Bizet: L'Arlésienne Suite No. 2, II. Farandole; Tchaikovsky: The Sleeping Beauty, VI. Valse; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67, I. Allegro con brio, IV. Allegro.



## Parents' Guide to PARCC Accessibility for English Learners Now Available

[A parents' guide to accessibility for English Learners taking the PARCC assessment is available by clicking here.](#)

Additionally, improvements have been made to this year's PARCC assessment. [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



## Sharp Elementary 3rd Grader Wins State Doodle 4 Google Contest, Needs Votes for National Award

Congratulations to Allison Kang, a third grade student at Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School who on February 23 was named the New Jersey State Winner of the Doodle 4 Google contest.

Allison, pictured above with her family next to an enlarged version of her artwork, will now be in the running for the National Doodle 4 Google award. Vote at [doodle4google.com](#) in the K-3 category for Allison's great work and help make her the national Doodle 4 Google winner! You may vote once a day until March 6, 2017 at 5 pm.

The Grand Prize includes a \$50,000 Google for Education Technology Award for education to Sharp Elementary School.

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](#)

[Class of 2020](#)

[Class of 2021 and beyond](#)

