

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 19, 2017

Service and Honor

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. – Mahatma Ghandi

I saw several tweets this past Monday, May 15, noting that our high school classes of 2017 will be graduating in just one month. In many ways, it is hard to believe we are so near the end of the school year, and that our 12th grade students are so near the end of their Cherry Hill Public Schools career. This is the time of year many students are itching to be finished – to move on to summer vacation or, in the case of our graduating seniors, on to the next phase of their lives. The choices for that next phase are many, and it's been exciting for me this spring to talk with our graduating students about their plans for the future, and about how those plans will include serving others.

It was my great pleasure this week to attend the 9th Annual High School Enlistee Recognition Ceremony, which recognizes the South Jersey high school seniors who have chosen a path to "bear true faith and allegiance" in service to our country, to us. The four young men pictured above, from left, Grant Gunnarson, Shane Tambussi, Aidan Curran and Nicholas Salvucci, all soon-to-be-graduates of Cherry Hill High School West and enlistees of the NJ Army National Guard, were among the eight CHPS students recognized at the event. Also recognized were Cherry Hill East seniors Nathan Bell and Shania Negron (both enlisted with the US Navy) and West seniors Michael O'Connell (US Army) and Daniel Newkirk-Carpenter (NJ Army National Guard). The Cherry Hill Public Schools had the most students from a single district at the event – a distinction for which we all should be proud and grateful. The commitment these young people are making marks a level of maturity well beyond their years. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a safe and successful tenure in their service.

I look forward to many more recognitions, events and

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Action Meeting

May 23 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED -

Memorial Day
May 29

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

June 5 @ 6 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 5 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

June 6 @ 6 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 6 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Board of Education Work Session

June 13 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board

concerts in the days and evenings of the next few weeks. Remember, events such as the middle and high school concerts and sports events are wonderful – and free – forms of entertainment for the whole family! Younger children especially enjoy getting a taste of what could be ahead for them as they watch the “big kids.” At the middle and high school level, we always emphasize that “the school day does not end at 3:00 (or 2:30),” meaning all students should find an after-school activity in which to immerse themselves. It’s never too early for children to begin to consider what they’d like to try. And as parents, it is fun to learn about and appreciate a new sport or talent through our children. As a community, maintaining our involvement in the lives of our children is so incredibly important, and we are all better people when we are involved.

Although we are in the final stretch of the school year, our planning for the future will continue through the summer and beyond. I encourage you to attend the May 23 Board of Education Action Meeting (7 pm in Malberg Administration Building, or on our [Live Stream](#)) to see the most up-to-date presentation regarding our long range strategic plan, “CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future.” Familiarize yourself with the CHPS 2020 work to date by visiting our [web site](#) and clicking the link in the center of the home page to “[CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future](#)”. Ask a question through our “[Quick Question](#)” portal on the District web site. Be sure to stay informed by following us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you haven’t already, download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store. And catch my next “[Online Lunch](#)” broadcast on June 2 at noon. Previous Online Lunches are archived on our [YouTube](#) channel.

As we all enjoy the summerlike weather and – I hope – find time to relax this weekend, I encourage you discuss with your children ways in which you all can serve our community. Any contribution is significant. Let the young men and women I highlighted above, who have committed to serving our country, be your inspiration.

Regards,

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High School Graduation Ceremonies

BOTH ON JUNE 15 @

Liacouras Center, Temple University - *tickets required for entry*

Cherry Hill High School East:
11:30 am

Cherry Hill High School West:
4 pm

Middle School Graduation Ceremonies

ALL ON JUNE 16

Beck: 9:30 am @ CHEast, DiBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am @ CHWest, Jones Gym

Rosa: 2:30 pm @ CHEast, DiBart Gym



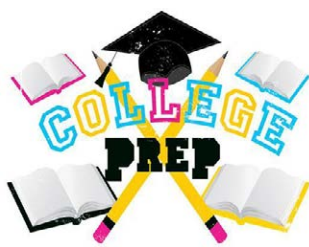
Beck and Carusi Music Students Earn Awards at Hershey Competition

On May 5, the Beck music program participated in the Music in the Parks music competition held at Hersheypark. Under the direction of Mrs. Mandescu, Mr. Marr, and Mr. Kain, the Orchestra placed first with a superior rating, and the Band and Chorus also placed first with the Chorus also receiving the Best Overall trophy. In addition, 7th grader Hailee Connors was awarded the Outstanding Vocalist medal.

On May 12, the Carusi music program, under the direction of Mrs. Secrest, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Kain, participated in the Music in the Parks music competition held at Hersheypark. The Orchestra, Band, and Chorus each placed 2nd with the Jazz Band also receiving the Best Overall trophy. In addition, 8th grader Olivia McMullen was awarded the Outstanding Vocalist medal.

Congratulations to all of the students involved in these successful trips!

Rosa International Middle School students will compete at Music in the Parks on June 2.



College Essay Workshop, SAT/PSAT and ACT Prep Courses Available This Summer

The Cherry Hill Public Schools Guidance Department offers three summer courses to high school students/residents preparing to write their college essay and take the PSAT, SAT and/or ACT exam. Sessions for each course run from July 31-August 3 and August 7-10, with morning, afternoon and evening hours available. Click the links below for details and registration forms for each course.

All checks and registration forms must be submitted to the Guidance Department by Friday, June 16, 2017.

[2017 College Essay Prep Course Registration Form](#)

[2017 ACT Prep Course Registration Form](#)

[2017 SAT/PSAT Prep Course Registration Form](#)



Cherry Hill East Students Earn Awards in Science Competitions

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School East senior Dan Swartz, who received a Bronze Medal in the 2017 USA Physics Olympiad Exam (USAPhO), a competition open to students scoring in the top 10 percent in the competitive F=ma test.

Kudos also to the AP Physics C team, which scored 8th in the state in the New Jersey Science League competition this year. This is a competitive state-wide test; our Cherry Hill East students outscored all of the teams in the South Jersey region and earned a plaque for scoring in the top 10.

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