

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



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District News for the week ending February 26, 2016

Leap Year, Leap of Faith

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Challenging oneself academically or in an extracurricular pursuit can take courage, but pays off exponentially.

Monday is the last day of February – and a Leap Day (the 29th), which happens only every four years. This makes 2016 a Leap Year. The term “leap” to describe the day and the year comes from the fact that while a fixed date in the Gregorian calendar normally advances one day of the week from one year to the next, the date in a leap year will advance two days (beginning March 1st). Because of the extra day added at the end of February, the date “leaps over” one of the days in the week. For example, the Fourth of July fell on a Saturday last year, but this year it will be on a Monday.

Thinking about the concept of a “leap day” and “leap year” brought to my mind how the term “leap” can refer to challenging times in life. Trying something new or unknown may require a “leap of faith” – the ability to do or believe in something or someone, even when the results are not visible or touchable. A daunting concept, isn’t it? But great things happen when people are willing to take leaps of faith with a foundation of preparation, ability and as much courage as they can muster. Certainly many of our greatest technological, artistic, medical, athletic and sociological advances owe their success to an initial leap of faith. One person, or group of people, had to take that leap in order for progress to be made.

The same is true for us in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. For students and their parents, deciding to sign up for a challenging class or classes may take a leap of faith. Trying out for a sports team, auditioning for a musical spot or theater role, joining or starting a new club, running for office – these all require a belief that success is possible and worth the effort. I am pleased that our district works tirelessly to promote an atmosphere where our students are encouraged to stretch themselves and try new things; to look at a challenge in a positive light. Nothing makes me happier than to talk with students in all of our schools and hear about their successes and the ways in which they surprised themselves. These are lessons that will carry them far beyond the classrooms here in Cherry Hill.

So I wish you all a “Happy Leap Day” as February comes to a close. May the remaining Leap Year bring great things your way.

Broadway Night

Vocal Concert - "The World's a Stage!"
February 26, 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School West

Cherry Hill East Spring Musical

Beauty and the Beast
February 26 & March 4,
7:30 pm
February 27 & 28 and
March 5 & 6, 2 pm
"Brunch with Belle" March
5, noon
See the [CHEast Theater Web Page](#) for details

All Cherry Hill Band & Orchestra Concert

March 2, 7 pm, Cherry Hill High School West

Schools Closed

Teacher In-Service Day
March 4

BOE Work Session

March 8 @ 7 pm,
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Regards,

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

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Two High School Teams Advance to Top-Level Competitions

Cherry Hill High School West's Mock Trial Team, pictured above, won the South Jersey Regional Competition on February 24 and will advance to the State Competition on March 15. This achievement marks the first time in 30 years West Mock Trial has reached the State



East Students Receive Top Honors in 2016 National German Exam

[Eleven Cherry Hill High School East students](#) earned Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals, as well as Distinguished Achievement Awards and special recognition on the Presidential Honor Roll for outstanding performance on the 2016 National



East and West DECA Students Earn Spots in National Conference

[Dozens of students from both Cherry Hill High Schools East and West](#) qualified at the State Conference on February 23 to advance to the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Nashville, TN,

Competition.

Continued success to team members, front row from left: Josh Mc Cauley, Robert Holliday, Tim Intelisano, Will Marble, and Sean Dugan; and back row from left: Danielle King, Nicole Kahan, Gabrielle Rash, Colleen Clancy, Hannah Johnston, Aaditi Tamhankar, and Florence Hulbert.



Cherry Hill East's Vex Robotics team, Frightening Lightning, pictured above preparing for a TV interview, also will advance to the top level of competition after winning the Design Award in the State Vex Robotics Championship on February 21. The team of Sophia Benedetto, Nikola Kosaric, Jason Fisch, Bryan Cheung, Jesse Stiller and Jack Siu (not pictured) will travel to Louisville, Kentucky in April to compete in the World Championship. We wish them continued success!

German Exam (NGE) for High School Students in Levels II-IV sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

Overall, 49 percent of all 2016 NGE exam participants from Cherry Hill High School East who are students of German teacher Mrs. Anna Feinleib, were honored by AATG for their outstanding performance on the exam.

More than 25,000 students participated in the exam this year. The NGE, now in its 56th year, rewards students through an extensive prize program and provides a means of comparing students in all over the US. Hal Boland, teacher of German at Heritage High School in Leesburg, Virginia and AATG President said, "The outstanding performance of these German students in our national competition brings honor to their school, their district, and their German program. The AATG salutes their tremendous accomplishment and the great work their teachers do."

Congratulations, East students!

April 23-27.

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the world.

In addition to the ICDC qualifiers, two additional West students will be invited to attend the a Leadership Development Academy at the conference as a result of their Chapter Community Service Project Award. Senior Liam Ely, will attend for winning both the NJ DECA pin design and the NJ DECA Program Cover Design for 2016. Liam's design graced the program cover for the DECA State Conference. His winning pin design will be distributed to NJ participants to trade at the ICDC.

Junior Maggie McCurdy was selected to serve as NJ DECA Southern Region Vice President. Maggie is the first West DECA member to be a State Officer. She will be attending ICDC in Nashville as part of the NJ DECA State Officer Action Team.

Congratulations to all!

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