

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending March 18, 2016

Making One's

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Own Luck

We often feel lucky about our achievements, our community and our schools. But our success comes from more than just serendipity.

This past Thursday, March 17, was St. Patrick's Day. Whether you choose to celebrate it or not, the day brings discussion about the "luck of the Irish" and many elementary classes mark the day with lessons on how the holiday came to be. Fun activities about luck and leprechauns may also have been a part of our young students' week. Luck, in and of itself, is fun to wish for, think about, and of course, experience. But in thinking about luck this season, perhaps we can reexamine how we view achievement in ourselves and others.

We often wish one another – and ourselves – good luck as a form of encouragement. Even in this newsletter and other District communications, we wish "good luck" to our sports teams, our competitive academic clubs and teams, and even our staff members as they move on to new opportunities or retire. Wishing someone luck is indeed a positive thing. But the greater part of achievement is what we put into our efforts.

There's a saying, "luck is where preparation meets opportunity." This is a valuable thing to remember when a student is told he is "lucky" he got an excellent grade on a test or into the college of his choice, or she is "lucky" she landed a scholarship, or a spot on a varsity team, or a part in a play – the list goes on. Describing achievements simply as "luck" diminishes the commitment and determination required to make them happen. Luck may have played a part in meeting a mentor, hearing about an opportunity or being in the right place at the right time. But by being dedicated to excellence, persevering in our work and being aware of the opportunities all around us and then pursuing them, we make our own luck.

Students in the Cherry Hill Public Schools have many academic and extracurricular opportunities all around them, every day. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly to help facilitate these opportunities so that

Schools Closed

Spring Recess
March 21-25

BOE Action Meeting

March 29, 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Cherry Hill High School West Musical

The Little Mermaid
April 1, 2, 8 & 9 @ 7 pm
April 3 & 9 @ 2 pm
Character Breakfast on April
3 @ 11 am by reservation
at (856) 663-8006 ext. 1224
[Click for box office ticket
sale dates and times](#)
Tickets also available for
[purchase by credit card
online](#)

Carusi Middle School Musical

*You're a Good Man, Charlie
Brown*
April 1 @ 7:30 pm
April 2 @ 2 pm & 7:30 pm

Volley for Support

April 8 @ 5:30 pm
Cherry Hill High School
East
Proceeds support JDRF

BOE Work Session

April 12 @ 7 pm
Malberg Board Room
45 Ranoldo Terrace

our students continue to succeed in all areas of their educational experience. So beyond wishing “good luck” for what’s ahead, I wish us all continued success.

Enjoy the Spring Break next week, March 21-25. We’ll see you again on March 28.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

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CHPS Students Earn Top Honors at Latin Competition

Congratulations to Cherry Hill Public Schools' Latin students who competed on March 15 (the Ides of March) at the Certamen knowledge bowl competition at Princeton University. Hundreds of New Jersey Latin students



Groundbreaking Marks Beginning of Turf Fields Installation

Representatives from the Cherry Hill Public Schools, the Board of Education, and Cherry Hill Township gathered March 17 at Jonas Morris Stadium at Cherry Hill High School West to break ground for the turf field installation project. Pictured above,



West Jazz Ensemble Qualifies for State Jazz Finals

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School West Jazz Ensemble, who qualified for the State Jazz Finals for the third straight year. The group is composed of Brian Clemens (grade 10), Trombone; Camryn Corris (11), Baritone Saxophone;

from 29 schools took part in the academic contest, with questions on ancient Rome's language, history, mythology, literature, and daily life.

In a pool of twelve schools from South Jersey, West's Latin students continued a tradition of excellence. These are the results: West's Latin I team placed third in South Jersey. Congratulations to Sam Coverdale, Luke Fabian, Jenny Ing, Katrina Lewis, and Christine Nguyen.

West's Latin II team tied for first place in South Jersey. Congratulations to Chisom Achinivu, Patrick Bean, Shane Beard, Arianna Justiniano, and Danny McNulty. West's upper-level team placed third in South Jersey. Congratulations to Brian Clemens, Phuoc Ho, Simon Mwape, Thomas Potts, and Nicole Schmalbach.

West's success at this level is especially remarkable because the third and fourth year students prevailed over others in their fourth and fifth years of Latin.

Cherry Hill's Latin students represented six of the top nine teams in South Jersey. Two Cherry Hill teams, one from East and another from West, earned scores placing them among the top ten in New Jersey. We wish them continued success as they prepare to compete in the state championships in April.

from left: Councilman Brian Bauerle, Councilwoman Carole Roskoph, Councilwoman Sarah Lipsett, Councilwoman Carolyn Jacobs, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Meloche, Mayor Chuck Cahn, Cherry Hill High School East Principal Dr. Lawyer Chapman, Cherry Hill High School West Principal Dr. Kwame Morton, Board of Education President Carol Matlack, Councilman David Fleischer, Board of Education Member Jane Scarpellino, Director of Curriculum Dr. Farrah Mahan, Cherry Hill West Athletic Director Lou Papa, and Councilman Jim Bannar.

The project -- a joint effort between the school district and the township -- will provide a turf field at West and a turf field at Cherry Hill High School East. Multiple sports teams, including field hockey, football, lacrosse and soccer, will use the fields. Township sports leagues also will use the new fields. A new track also will be installed around each field.

During construction, teams will practice on neighboring practice fields. Any games or track meets occurring during construction will be held as "away" events. The annual STAR Games in May will be held on the fields behind Morris Stadium.

The Cherry Hill High School West student broadcast team put together a [video report about the groundbreaking](#).

Completion of both turf fields and tracks is expected by the start of the fall 2016 sports season.

Drew Dunne (10), Trumpet; Kevin Durand (9), Percussion; Pat Durand (11), Guitar; Dylan Hafner (12), Piano; Scott Korte (12), Tenor Saxophone; Steve Kummer (12), Drum Set; Mike Lazarow (10), Baritone Saxophone; Dave Manyin (11), Bass; Jack Neal (11), Guitar; Papaccio, Tom Papaccio (12), Tenor Saxophone; Jeehae Park (9), Piano; John Pearson (10), Trumpet; Chris Reinhardt (11), Percussion; Griffin Rice (10), Trombone; Drew Robertson (11), Alto Saxophone; Nate Schneider (11), Trumpet; Miles Smith (11), Trumpet; Joe Stamatelos (11), Drum Set; Josue Villegas (12), Trumpet; Abby Walters (12), Trombone; Julia Wilson (11), Alto Saxophone.

The ensemble earned the sixth highest score out of the competing 20 bands over five nights of Preliminaries. They will compete in the Finals on Saturday, April 30, at Princeton High School.

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