

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 13, 2016

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

# STAR Games

## Light up Lives

### of Competitors

### and Volunteers

The annual STAR (Specially Talented Athletes Recognized) Games remind us that participation in great events is what gives meaning to our lives.

On Monday, May 9, the Cherry Hill Public Schools district sponsored the 5th annual STAR Games at the Cherry Hill Youth Athletic Field near Cherry Hill High School West. In this track and field event, "STAR" stands for Specially Talented Athletes Recognized. The goal of this day-long event is to give students with intellectual and physical disabilities the opportunity to compete at a high level of competition. Participants and spectators alike would agree, however, that the games offer much more than that.

I have been honored to attend the STAR Games each year since the inaugural event. It is inspiring to watch the competitors from grades Kindergarten through 12 participate with a sense of joy and accomplishment in every event they choose, from shot put to long jump and hurdles to the 40-yard dash, among others. It is equally inspiring to see the support the athletes receive not only from one another, but from the many high school student volunteers and the supervising staff and administrators. The STAR Games emphasize and celebrate what can be done with dedication and perseverance.

The mood is light at the STAR Games, complete with music and food and a visit from the Phillie Phanatic. Each year, cheers, high fives, hugs and dancing are just as coveted as medals, and all are

#### Cooper Spring Carnival

May 14, noon-4 pm  
Cooper Elementary School  
Playground Area

#### Philadelphia Soul Arena Football Game Fundraiser

May 14, 6:30 pm Wells  
Fargo Center  
Portion of proceeds benefits  
CHPS

[Tickets available online](#)

#### BOE Action Meeting

May 24, 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

in great supply. I have yet to see anyone – whether a competitor or a volunteer – leave the games without a smile.

The STAR Games are annual example of how **WE** all can participate, how **WE** all can make a difference, and how **WE** all can inspire.

I would like to thank all of our staff and volunteers who make this fantastic event happen each year. I look forward to attending again next year!

Regards,

***Joe Meloche***

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P.S. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our [District Events Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. You'll find the [2015-2016 School Year "Overview" Calendar](#) here. For events and activities in the Cherry Hill Community, check out our [Community Bulletin Board](#) on our web site. And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.



### Carusi Baseball Team Undefeated, Headed to Playoffs

Congratulations to the Carusi baseball team, who capped off an undefeated regular season with a come from behind 7-4 victory at Voorhees on May 11. The Mustangs were down to their last 2 outs and trailed by a run before they rallied for 4 runs in the last inning.



### Eastside Newspaper & Web Site Win Top Honors

Congratulations to the staff of Cherry Hill High School East's Eastside Online for earning a [National Online Pacemaker Award](#) from the National Scholastic Press Association. Eastside Online was one of two online newspapers in the Northeast to win this prestigious award.



### Where Are They Now? Follow-up

We recently checked in with Cherry Hill High School West graduate Eliana Roth ('13), featured in the [March 6, 2015 issue](#) of CHPS **WE**WEEKLY.

Although the International Olympic Committee recently elected not to include synchronized skating as an

The highlights of the rally included a one-out single by James Hazel, Frank Ebling scoring the tying run on Dan Berckman's ground ball, Ryan West's 2-run double to give Carusi the lead for good and Nick Sylvester's RBI double that provided a big insurance run. Nick Heubel threw 5 terrific innings and yielded only one earned run. Tom Digneo got the win with 2-innings of 1 run relief pitching.

The Mustangs completed the regular season with a record of 11 wins and 0 losses. This squad joins the 2005 and 2008 teams who also went undefeated under Coach D'Alessandro.

Carusi will enter the South Jersey Middle School Baseball League playoffs as the #1 seed and will open with a quarterfinal game at home on Tuesday, May 17.

The Eastside staff also won multiple [International Quill and Scroll Society](#) awards for material published in the 2015 calendar year:

For Reviews: Jared Fisch ('18) and Jenna Myers ('17).

For Opinions: Rachel Pacitti ('15).

For Editorial Cartooning: Rachel Pacitti ('15).

For Features: Jacob Borowsky ('16).

For Sports: Luke Hinrichs ('17).

For Editorials: The Eastside Editorial Board.

Olympic sport, Ms. Roth, pictured above in the front row, second from right, realized another dream by earning a gold medal with her synchronized skating team, The Haydennettes, for [Best Free Skate Program](#) at the Synchronized Skating World Championships in Budapest in April.

The team also won the Bronze Medal for the overall competition. Congratulations to Ms. Roth and the entire team!

*Interested in seeing someone you know featured in Where Are They Now? [Send us a brief description and contact information.](#)*



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