

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 9, 2017

# Transitions and Legacies

**It's the time of year for transitions for students and staff of all ages – and an especially appropriate time to consider not only what lies ahead, but what we will leave as a legacy.**

From our earliest days, we all go through transitions in life. We transition from being completely dependent on others to becoming more and more independent. We transition from one grade level to another, one school to another, one set of life's responsibilities to another. Some of these transitions are so gradual, we barely notice them. Others are abrupt, whether by design or by chance. In the Cherry Hill Schools, we strive for our students to gain the knowledge, ingenuity and resilience along the way to navigate transitions successfully and embrace change as a positive part of life. We also encourage our students, no matter how young, to consider the mark they're making upon the world as they grow up in it. To consider their legacy.

I was honored this week to attend the Retiree Breakfast for our retiring teachers, administrators and staff. Talking with the honorees and realizing the length of their service, the depth of their experience and the number of lives they've touched over the years, I was in awe of the legacies they all leave as they make the transition to a new phase in life. Some will travel and relax, some will begin new careers, some will care for loved ones. But no matter their plans for the future, one commonality remained: the transition to retirement is the opportunity to create a whole new legacy.

Our students' transitions offer the same opportunity, but in a variety of forms according to their stage in life. Clara Barton Elementary School, for example, held an assembly this morning for the 5th grade class about giving back. I had the pleasure of speaking to the students about how they can give back to their

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Board of Education Work Session

June 13 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### 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

families, their school and their community every day. As they and the other 5th graders around the district transition to middle school, they can take pride in their legacy of being “bucket fillers,” finding the best in themselves and others, and celebrating a legacy of kindness and generosity. Students from John A. Carusi Middle School visited the Barton 5th graders this afternoon to share more about giving back. The 8th grade students, experiencing a transition of their own as they move on to high school, will leave a legacy of encouragement to the students coming up behind them. Peer leaders from our high schools, in turn, will be guiding incoming freshman to help them navigate the transition to high school. And our graduating seniors have a significant transition ahead of them, whether they are going to college, into military service or into the work force. They leave a legacy of support for their younger peers as well as countless examples of what can be accomplished with hard work and enthusiasm.

As we watch our children close the chapter of the 2016-2017 school year, let’s all remember that our excitement for their future becomes *their* excitement for their future. The way we handle transition serves as a model for them. Let’s provide them a legacy of kindness, support and enthusiasm. They are watching us and learning from us, even when we don’t realize it. Nice matters. Kindness matters. Each of our children, our students, our families matter. As one community in Cherry Hill, we can continue to make a positive and lasting impact on our children.

Please continue to stay involved with our schools throughout the summer months. Attend our Board of Education meetings, listed on the [District Events Calendar](#), or view them on our [Live Stream](#). Stay informed as our long range strategic plan, “[CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future](#),” evolves. Ask a question through our “[Quick Question](#)” portal on the [District web site](#). Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you haven’t already, download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store.

I look forward to attending our graduations next week, celebrating the countless successes of the past year and the great accomplishments to come. I hope you will celebrate with me. Congratulate one another on achievements big and small – that’s where a great legacy begins.

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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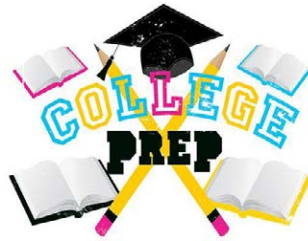


## Free Common App/Naviance Workshops Offered at East and West This Summer

The Cherry Hill Public Schools Guidance Department offers workshops at both High Schools East and West this summer, helping students get started completing college searches and applications before senior year even begins.

These FREE workshops are open to students and parents. You may bring your own device or use a CHPS computer. Please note: Naviance is tablet/phone friendly on iPads/iPhones ONLY.

[Naviance/Common App Workshop details and registration information form](#)



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

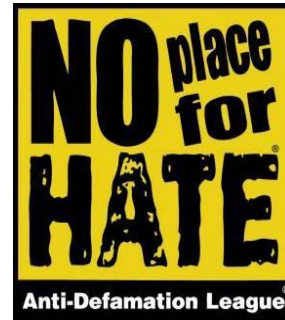
The Cherry Hill Public Schools Guidance Department offers three summer courses to high school students/residents preparing to write their college essay and take the PSAT, SAT and/or ACT exam. Sessions for each course run from July 31-August 3 and August 7-10, with morning, afternoon and evening hours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



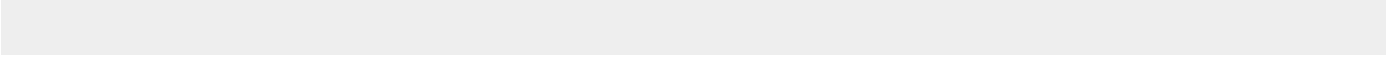
## Cherry Hill High School West and Rosa International Middle School Honored As "No Place for Hate" Schools

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School West and Rosa International Middle School for earning "No Place for Hate" designations by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of Philadelphia.

The June 6 recognition ceremony at the Walnut Street Theater brought together students from dozens of schools participating in the ADL's No Place for Hate program.

Cherry Hill West was honored for producing a [video promoting the "Hate Has No Home in Cherry Hill" initiative](#). The initiative began in response to a bomb threat at the Katz JCC.

Rosa was recognized for many projects including the school's "Words Matter" video regarding racial slurs and biases. The school also earned an honorable award in the No Place for Hate essay contest.



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