

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 16, 2017

Congratulations Class of 2017!

The following is excerpted from Dr. Meloche's Commencement Speeches for High Schools East and West:

One of things that I cherish the most about being an educator in Cherry Hill is that I have had the opportunity to meet so many of your families, to hear their stories about the Cherry Hill experience. I have been with parents as they have laughed and cheered and cried and struggled to find the next step. It is not easy being a parent to a high school student, I can tell you from firsthand experience, but being the parent brings about more joy than anything else in the world. And this is not something that any of us, as parents, do alone. So many families have given of themselves, without thanks and without recognition and without the need for either, to fulfill the needs of your class. The PTA parents and booster group leaders, who serve behind the scenes – they have given and they have given to make this a better experience for us all, representing so many mothers and fathers, grandparents and guardians, aunts and uncles. So many family members and friends have opened their hearts and have reached into their wallets and have given of their time to enhance the high school experience. As a class, as an educational community, we owe them all our thanks, our gratitude and our admiration. Say thank you. When you leave here today, say thank you to your family.

I have watched this class during the past four years, in the hallways and from the stands, on the auditorium

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

June 27 @ 7 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

[Independence Day Holiday](#)

July 4
ALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
CLOSED

[Board Of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

July 11 @ 7 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

stage and in reading the words of the many publications you have produced. I have seen your smiles, your enthusiasm for life, your commitment to success and your ability to honor your families and yourselves in all that you have chosen to pursue. You, through example and perseverance, have set a tone for your school, answering the call to produce, as entertainers, beautiful, poised and powerful, humble and heartfelt, strong voices with unique sounds, finely tuned instruments – each of you has dedicated so much to being here today and each of you will move into the future to do great things.

So many of you in a cap and gown today have refused to allow circumstances beyond your control to define you, rather, you have chosen to seize the opportunities and to move ahead, you have learned that your thoughts matter, your perspective matters, that your voice matters, that you truly matter.

I contend that you are members of the greatest generation our country has ever seen, and I know that our community, our state, our country needs your voice and your commitment and your involvement and your kindness. You are friends and you are mentors and you have left indelible memories on the hearts and souls of those of us who are so lucky to have had the opportunity to be your teachers, your coaches, your advisers – you inspire us, you make us better, because as the adults we can all tell stories starring members of this class who have given, graciously and without call for recognition, always cheerful and always, always doing what is needed rather than that which brings adulation.

Always remember as you move forward beyond your high school experience, that you represent us, your families, your school and Cherry Hill. Your family at home and your school family and your community, and all that they have done and all that they have sacrificed, often going unnoticed, bring us here today. Represent us with pride and with honor and with dignity. Represent us well as you move on to college and to the military and to work. And always, always be kind. Each day, make that choice for yourself. Each day, make that choice to influence those around you. Smile, say hello, and be kind. Let kindness be at your core, at your foundation, let it be your strength and your connection to home. Nice matters, you matter.

Personally, I would like to thank you, each of you, for

what you have continued to teach me and your families and your teachers – every day – that we are blessed with the greatest responsibility and the most incredible job that anyone could have.

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



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](#)



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.



Summer Reading Assignments and Titles Available

It's never too early to get started on Summer Reading! Our rising 6th through 12th graders are assigned Summer Reading for several reasons:

- To develop lifelong readers and learners
- To provide an opportunity for students to practice the academic skills learned throughout the year
- To motivate students to read thought-provoking and enjoyable books
- To encourage reading

An overview of the latest improvements to the Summer Reading curriculum can be found in the [June 2](#).

[registration information form](#)

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

[2017 ACT Prep Course Registration Form](#)

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

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Titles and assignments are available under [the "Academics" tab on the District web site.](#)

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