



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of November 20, 2015

# Thankfulness

As we approach our Thanksgiving break, let's focus on the many things for which to be grateful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[BOE Action Meeting](#)

This week the District celebrated and observed American Education Week, which was highlighted by family members visiting our schools to see students in their classrooms. During the week we also [highlighted the work of our Support Professionals](#), the non-certificated folks who keep our buildings open and running and who provide support in so many ways to allow our teachers to focus their work on student success.

As I saw the images and heard the stories of the families visiting the schools this week, I was reminded of how critically valuable the relationship between the home and school is in supporting our students. As I spoke to the Kilmer PTA and the Cooper PTA on different evenings, I saw the representative faces and heard the voices of so many involved family members who choose to dedicate their time and their efforts to serving the educational communities. I had the chance to meet the students and teachers from Gymnasium Puchheim who are visiting High School East on a two week exchange from Germany, and I was reminded of how incredible our community is as families have opened their homes to the visitors.

As I am coming to the end of my third month as superintendent and as we enter the holiday season, I am very thankful.

- I am thankful for my beautiful family, for their continued love and support.
- I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Cherry Hill community and the school district.
- I am thankful for the more than 1,500 people who work in the school district to provide a world class education for our children.
- I am thankful for our community that welcomes, embraces and supports diversity.
- I am thankful for the more than 11,000 students who fill our schools every day.

For what are you thankful? Share your thanks with those around you. Tell folks you are grateful that they are a part of your life. Share a kind word, a smile, a kind deed.

Regards,

November 24, 7 pm  
Board Room,  
Malberg Admin. Bldg.,  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

## [Early Dismissal for All Students](#)

November 25

## [East vs. West Football Game](#)

November 25, 7 pm @

Jonas Morris Football  
Stadium

*The Cherry Hill Food  
Pantry will be collecting  
nonperishable food  
donations at the game in  
the South parking lot.  
Community service hours  
for student volunteers who  
come to help!*

## [Schools Closed](#)

November 26 & 27

## [Early Dismissal for Middle & Elementary Schools' Conferences](#)

November 30-December 4

## [Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting](#)

November 30, 6 pm  
Board Room,  
Malberg Admin. Bldg.,  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

## [Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting](#)

November 30, 7 pm

## ***Joe Meloche***

Joseph Meloche

Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

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## **All Cherry Hill Chorus Concert**

November 30, 7 pm @  
Cherry Hill West



### **West AFJROTC Hosts Motivational Program**

Cherry Hill High School West students were treated to a BMX bike show, "Bring Your A-Game to School," hosted by West's AFJROTC on November 17. Cyclists from the National Guard showed off bike stunts while focusing the Guard's seven core values:

- Duty
- Respect
- Selfless Service
- Personal Courage
- Honor



### **Cherry Hill High School East Welcomes German Exchange Students**

Members of the Cherry Hill High School East and Cherry Hill Public Schools community held a reception on November 19 to welcome 16 German students as part of a new, two-week Student Exchange Program. Students from Gymnasium Puchheim, an academic high school in Puchheim, Germany, and their two teachers are visiting Cherry Hill East as part of part of a two-week U.S. tour which includes field trips to Philadelphia and New York City. East families are hosting the German students, who will shadow the host students during classes. Cherry Hill East students will in turn visit Gymnasium Puchheim near



### **Why I Love My School: Cherry Hill High School West**

Senior Tim Intelisano, pictured above, is the Board of Education Student Representative for Cherry Hill West and a member of the Mock Trial team. He also participates in the DECA Business club and Class Government. Tim is a peer leader, mentoring freshman to help them navigate high school. He wants to attend The Pennsylvania State University to study Management and Public Policy. Tim plans to pursue a career in law or business. A life-long Cherry Hill resident, Tim tells us why, as in the West Alma Mater, he "pledges

- Integrity
- Loyalty.

Another segment of the program emphasized what the team calls core 'A' of education – bringing your 'A Game': including Anti-Bullying, personal Achievement, maximizing your Ability, staying Active, being Authentic, having the right Attitude.

Bike stunts included a cyclist jumping over a row of students lying on the floor, pictured above. West Principal Kwame Morton also participated in the show, sitting on the ramp and allowing the cyclists to jump their bikes over him.

Munich in March, 2016.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Meloche, Board of Education member (and East parent) Steve Robbins and the two Gymnasium Puchheim teachers were among the honored reception guests. Two of the visiting German students – pictured above with East Principal Dr. Lawyer Chapman – dressed in traditional German clothing which today would be worn for festivals and events.

As part of the exchange program, participating German and U.S. students will be immersed in the culture and language of the country they are visiting. The program provides an opportunity to improve students' global awareness, intercultural understanding and language skills. It is also a great way to develop lifetime-long friendships and create unique international experiences by connecting with "real" people and being integrated into their daily life.

Students will return home not only speaking the language better, but with a greater sense of confidence, maturity, and independence. The exchange program will focus on the similarities and differences between our two countries.

At the reception, Dr. Chapman expressed his excitement about the program. "In a time when there are people trying to tear the world apart, these students, teachers and host families are participating in a program that helps bring the world together," he said.

The exchange program was organized by Cherry Hill High School East German teacher Anna Feinleib and Gymnasium Puchheim English and Geography teacher Lars Loock, with the help of East Chemistry Teacher Elizabeth

his love and loyalty to dear old Cherry Hill":

"I never really saw any other option [when I decided where to go to high school]. West had been the school that all of my neighbors and friends attended, and it seemed like such a family. Everyone always shared amazing memories and talked about the friends they made. I wanted to be a part of the West family and have as amazing an experience as they did!

"At West, we have so many different kinds of students and I'm proud to say that I've gotten to know many of them. No matter their interests, extracurricular activities, or academics, every person has a story. Getting to know them and their background makes me a better person.

"Winning the Lip Sync contests sophomore and junior year have been some of my favorite memories from high school. Becoming a Mock Trial regional finalist also was an amazing opportunity for my classmates and me.

"The list is endless for who I admire at West. I have great respect for Mr. Dan DiRenzo (campus security) who keeps us all safe, and manages to know the names and lives of all 1,500 students in this building. He greets me every morning as I walk in, and we've had many conversations ranging from college to West athletics. He is a renaissance man, and someone who has really made my West experience complete.

Endres, whose nephew is a Gymnasium Puchheim alumnus, and Marianne Brandl-Dierschke, who teaches English and Geography at Gymnasium Puchheim.

Mr. Christopher Bova (U.S. History I AP and U.S. History II AP) and Mr. Derek Field (AP U.S. Government and U.S. History II AP) are two people who made me the student that I am today, and I wouldn't be anywhere without them. Mr. Bova taught me in US History I AP, and he invested himself in our class more than any other teacher I've ever had. Despite the fact that I had him two years ago, he keeps in touch with me regularly, and greatly values the activities and interests of all of his current/former students. He prepared me for the AP exam by challenging me and pushing me. I will always respect the job that he did.

"Mr. Field was my US History II AP teacher, along with having me in AP Government. It is his role as my Mock Trial coach that makes me admire him. He works diligently to prepare his team for trial, and he always makes time for us. He has spent countless hours and dollars working to help our team bond, and to prepare us for cases in New York City and New Brunswick. He gives so much of himself to our team, and we all have so much respect for him. Not to mention, he helped me do extremely well on both AP Exams that he prepared me for. The man knows how to motivate better than anyone I know.

"How do I show my West pride? I always wear West gear. West baseball, West basketball, you name it...I own it! Besides that, I enjoy telling my neighbors and friends about all the great

things that our school does. I love being a West student, and I will tell that to anyone who is willing to listen!"

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