

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of June 19, 2015

## Parting Thoughts

As the school year comes to a close, so does my work with the Cherry Hill Public Schools. It has been a wonderful ride!

This is both the last issue of this school year for CHPS Weekly, and the last message you will receive from me. I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on the transition period and share some parting thoughts as I leave

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### BOE Action Meeting

June 23, 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

#### Sports Physicals

my position as Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.

Beginning July 1, Mark Cowell will become the Interim Superintendent and will assume the duties of the Superintendent position until a new Superintendent is hired and in place. I have every confidence that our community will welcome Mr. Cowell – and some may appreciate the ease of the spelling and pronunciation of his name as well! (It rhymes with “vowel.”) The District is in good hands with Mr. Cowell, giving me great peace of mind as I leave Cherry Hill. [You may read more about Mr. Cowell by clicking here.](#)

I look back on my years in the Cherry Hill Public Schools with great fondness and a true sense of accomplishment, thanks to a genuinely collegial atmosphere. I’d like to note in particular:

- Ours schools continue to be recognized regionally and nationally for academic excellence.
- We have strengthened our commitment to Character Education, as six of our schools have achieved National School of Character status since 2008 – with a different school earning this distinction each year since 2011.
- We continue to improve our facilities through fiscally responsible means.
- The goals of our three-year Sustainability Plan, now in its second year, are steadily coming to fruition.
- We are a leader in communications among New Jersey school districts, being one of the first in the region to implement a District app with a wealth of District news and information, all for free.
- We continue to grow our curriculum with the addition of courses including Computer Programming and Sustainable Design.

Without a doubt, the only way these accomplishments were possible was through the work of our highly proficient professionals and volunteers, working tirelessly to provide for our students the very best education possible. You all have been tremendous collaborators, and I am grateful for the relationships I have formed throughout my tenure in Cherry Hill. We sometimes may have had our differences, but we attained a level of trust in which we could consider

June 25, 8:30-11:30 am,  
Carusi Middle School<  
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opinions and ideas in a civil, respectful manner (with some laughs, on occasion, when appropriate). Working in Cherry Hill has been a true joy for me, and if I can replicate that professional atmosphere in my new district, I will consider myself very fortunate, indeed.

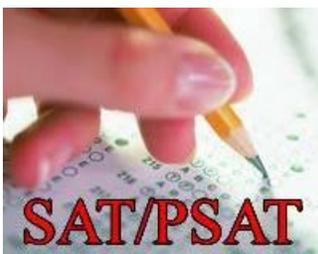
I wish you all the best as you and your family progress through the Cherry Hill Public Schools and beyond.

With fond regards,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

P.S. Although CHPS Weekly will be on hiatus for the next several weeks, we'll continue to post news and information on all of our communication platforms. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). All of our district news, including the departments in our former "e-news" – Up Front, District News, School News, Upcoming Events and Community News – [is available by clicking here](#). Check our Activities Calendar on the District web site for updates about upcoming events. You'll find the [2015-2016 District Calendar here](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.



### **SAT/PSAT Tutorial Offered This Summer**

Register now for the SAT/PSAT Tutorial, sponsored by the Cherry Hill Guidance Departments, offered in several sessions this August. This is a 4-day, 14 hour tutorial workshop



### **College Essay Tutotial Offered This Summer**

Register now for THE COLLEGE ESSAY: A TUTORIAL, sponsored by the Cherry Hill Guidance Departments. This is a 4-day, 13 hour tutorial workshop, which will be held the weeks of August 3-6 and



### **Harte Students Help Build "Buddy Bench"**

Students in Mr. Flood's class at Bret Harte Elementary School recently

(28 hours if taking both Math and Verbal), which will be held the weeks of August 3-6 and August 10-13. The session hours are: 9 am - 12:30, 1 pm - 4:30 pm, or 5 pm - 8:30 pm. There will be a break in each session. We recommend that if you are taking both Math and Verbal, do not take them the same week.

Workshops will be held at Cherry Hill High Schools East and West. Enrollment will determine if courses run and where. This year there are two options for students who wish to become familiar with the changes projected for Winter/Spring 2016 SAT. Also, according to the College Board, the October 2015 PSAT will feature the new design. You should choose Option 1 if you intend to take the SAT before March 2016. If you plan to take the SAT March 2016 or beyond, choose Option 2.

The fee for this session is \$225 for all Cherry Hill high school students and residents and \$250 for non-residents. [Click here for more information and a registration form.](#) Please note that although the registration form has a deadline of June 12, sign-ups will be accepted through the summer.

10-13. The session hours are: 9 am - 12:15, 1 pm - 4:15 pm, or 4:45 pm - 8 pm. Workshops will be held at Cherry Hill High Schools East & West. Enrollments will determine if courses run and where.

Tutorials will contain a maximum of 10-12 students who will complete all steps of the writing process (from prewriting through production of a final draft) to create a college essay. By the end of the tutorial, students will complete a final draft of an essay to submit to a college.

All checks and registration forms must be submitted to the Guidance Department. Each registrant will receive a letter confirming registration, and another letter of final details a week before the workshop begins. We have made every effort to schedule the workshops so they will not conflict with pre-season training.

The fee for this course is \$165 for all Cherry Hill high school students/residents and \$190 for non-residents. [Click here for more information and a registration form.](#) Please note that although the registration form has a deadline of June 12, sign-ups will be accepted through the summer.

constructed a “buddy bench” to be placed in the outside play area. These benches are part of a movement started in this country by an elementary school student in Pennsylvania to help combat loneliness on the playground and foster the development of friendships.



A student who is without someone to play with on the playground can sit on the bench and make friends with other students sitting on the bench or join others playing.

Students will be on the lookout to include anyone sitting on the bench. Mr. Flood's class worked diligently to build this bench from start to finish, including cutting the wood, screwing the pieces together, sanding and staining the wood. It is a great example of teamwork - one of the school's Harte S.M.A.R.T. (**S**trive for excellence; **M**indful of others; **A**cceptance; **R**esponsibility; **T**eamwork) attributes!

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