

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of August 29, 2014

## Let the New Year Begin!

**Our teachers and staff are ready. Our buildings are ready. We are thrilled to say welcome to the 2014-2015 school year.**

After a summer of great weather and – we hope – relaxation for all, the Cherry Hill Public Schools are ready for our students, and we could not be more excited about what the new school year holds.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Day of School**  
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014

Start times:

High School: 7:30 am

We welcome 65 new teachers to the district this year, eight of them new to the teaching profession. We know their energy, their professionalism and their new ideas will be a great asset in fulfilling our mission of guiding our students to become knowledgeable, responsible, caring, and confident citizens in an ever-changing world.

We also welcome two new principals to the Cherry Hill Schools, Mr. Eugene Park at A. Russell Knight Elementary School and Mr. Sean Sweeney at Clara Barton Elementary School, both pictured below. Mr. Park and Mr. Sweeney bring a wealth of wisdom and energy to their new positions. Some of you will remember Mr. Park as a teacher at Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School a few years ago. We are glad to have him back in the District, and look forward to what he and Mr. Sweeney will do in their new posts.

Our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) now features links to important school opening information, such as student log-in information and free & reduced lunch applications. The web site also includes [my Welcome Back video message](#). (Dates/times for the first day of school and Back-to-School Nights also are at right). And of course, be sure to [visit the web site for details about events and accomplishments](#) throughout the District. And, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest District information. Remember to [please send us any information](#) you'd like to have published.

Again, welcome to our new students and staff, and welcome back to those whom we last saw on the last day of school. Wonderful days are ahead for all of us.

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent

Middle School: 8 am

Elementary/Pre-K: 9 am  
Elementary ONLY: early dismissal on 1st day, 1 pm

Details on Kindergarten and PreK First Day of School schedules [here](#)

Rotation Day for First Day:

High Schools: Day 5

Middle Schools: Beck - Green Day;

Carusi - Maroon Day;

Rosa - No Rotation Day (Students in Advisory All Day)

[Back-to-School Nights](#)

[Click here for a complete listing.](#)

## Our New Principals

Mr. Sean Sweeney, pictured at left, joins us as principal at Clara Barton Elementary after serving as principal at Larchmont Elementary School in Mt. Laurel. Mr. Eugene Park, at right, returns to the Cherry Hill Schools as principal of A. Russell Knight Elementary after working as an assistant principal in the Southampton Township School District.

Many of our principals have new school assignments this year. Others have joined us as interim principals - Mr. Jeff Heller is the interim principal at Stockton Elementary during Mrs. Eloisa DeJesus-Woodruff's maternity leave, and Mr. Jim Gallagher is the interim principal at Johnson Elementary until a permanent principal is hired. [Click here for a who's who of principals in all of our schools.](#)



## Our New Teachers

The Cherry Hill School District happily welcomes 65 new teachers this year, eight of whom are new to the teaching profession.

The new teachers participated in a 3-day workshop before the start of school, where they received a comprehensive orientation about working in the District. The workshop also provided them with the opportunity to get to know one another.

Some of these new teachers are pictured above. [View more photos by clicking here.](#)



## Cherry Hill West's New Orientation

This year, Cherry Hill High School West instituted a lively new format for their Freshman Orientation. The session was moved to the morning, for students only, and included a scavenger hunt to help the freshmen learn the layout of the building and meet some of the staff.

The morning was capped off with a barbeque lunch served up by Principal and "Grill Master"-for-the-day, Dr. Kwame Morton.

Parents had an orientation session of their own at Cherry Hill West that evening.

[Read more about this innovative event in the Cherry Hill Sun.](#)

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