

Bobcat Blast

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Happy Fall Bobcats!

Dear Beck Parents/Guardians,

October is [National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month](#)

Beck students will participate in a variety of activities to combat bullying. Parents/guardians can learn more about bullying and find age appropriate videos for home at [YouTube @StopBullyingGov](#).

- On Monday, Dr. Kerry Magro shared his story of growing up with autism and being bullied in a school-wide assembly. He told students how bullying impacted him as a young person and how he learned to combat bullying and be an upstander, despite his own struggles with autism. Students showed RESPECT and COMPASSION throughout the assembly and asked many questions at the end.
- Over the past two weeks, all Teams in all grades participated in an Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying presentation with their grade level principal and counselor. This [slideshow](#) reviewed the definition of HIB, the difference between HIB and peer conflict and identified supports and resources at school. [Words are like toothpaste...](#)
- Next weekend, Beck is partnering with Rosa, Carusi and JCRC to help combat anti-Semitism and hate by promoting participation in the March of Remembrance on October 15 at the [JCC](#). Students viewed this [slideshow](#) in advisory class last week and may sign up for the event in their Google Classroom. Donations are optional to attend the march. Students should wear Beck gear. Families and staff are welcomed and encouraged to participate. We hope to see many Beck, Rosa & Carusi students walking in solidarity to combat hate. For more information, please visit the [JCRC website](#).
- October 15-21, 2023 is National School Violence Awareness Week & Safe Schools Week. During this week, New Jersey schools are required to provide opportunities to discuss



methods for keeping schools safe from violence, to consider school safety and security plans, and to learn how to recognize students in need of help.

- October 23-27, 2023 is [Red Ribbon Week](#). Our Peer Leaders have a week of planned dress up days to highlight healthy, safe and positive behavior choices for all students.

Parents/guardians will also receive information about substance use concerns and support.

More information is available on the [Peer Leaders website](#).

Getting Academic Help

We are half-way through our 1st Marking Period and parents/guardians will receive interim reports on October 18. We do know that many parents/guardians and students check their grades frequently through the Genesis Parent Portal. The habit of checking on assignments and grades is a necessary life skill for all students to learn. If your student or you is concerned about their academic progress or performance in a particular subject, we are here to help!

- Please always encourage your student to contact their teacher. We encourage students to self-advocate in the middle grades, knowing that parents/guardians are there to encourage and assist their students. It is great to help your student rehearse how they can ask for extra help or assist them in drafting an email to their teacher.

How is extra help offered during the school day?

- On the extended class day (78 minute class), teachers utilize the extra time to work with small groups, review challenging content and reinforce newly learned skills.
- On Wednesdays & Fridays in Advisory, students visit a Core Content teacher on their team for extra help, to make-up missed work or finish assignments. Teachers request and assign students to a specific subject area. Your student may call this Academic RAP or Academic Advisory.

Is there any afterschool extra help?

- [Homework Club](#) meets Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in room 24 with Mrs. Adams. Students may sign up outside of room 24.
- [Bridge Tutoring](#) will begin on October 23, 2023 and will meet in the library. Bridge Tutors are East High School students who work with one to two students and provide academic assistance. Beck students will be signed up by their Advisory Teacher.

All the Best,
Rebecca Metzger
Principal
Beck Middle School

Upcoming Events

Reminder: 6th Grade YMCA at the Pines Field Trip

Our 2nd annual 6th Grade YMCA at the Pines Field Trip...

Team 1: October 9th & 10th

Team 2: October 11th & 12th

Team 3: October 13th & 17th

Please check the weather the night before to be sure your student is dressed appropriately.



Reminder: No School for Students on Monday, October 16th.

Monday, October 16th is a Teacher In-Service Day.

Cherry Hill School District - Internet Safety Seminar for Parents/Guardians

Please see event information below.

Event Information

Internet Safety Seminar for Parents & Guardians

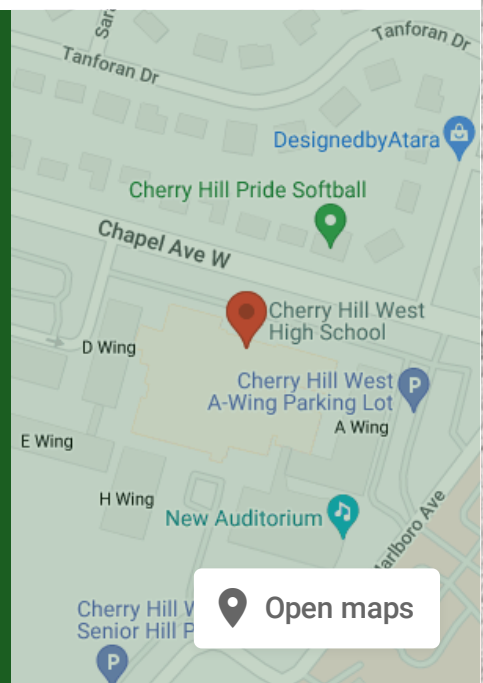
Internet Safety Seminar! Developed by National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Presented by US Secret Service. NOTE: Presentation contains sensitive/emotional content. **It is for parents/guardians only.** Register in advance <https://buff.ly/45AzfqV>

When?

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023, 06:00 PM

Where?

Cherry Hill High School West, Chapel Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ, USA



School Culture & Discipline

PBIS Rewards - School Store Dates

We are excited to announce the dates for the PBIS School Store:

November 3rd

January 26th

April 5th

June 7th

Ask your student to show you what's in the store! Students will have an opportunity to purchase items from the PBIS School Store with the points that they've accumulated throughout the marking period.

If you need assistance logging into the PBIS system, please contact Ms. Sims, nsims@chclc.org.



Counseling Corner

Counselor's Corner October Newsletter



Mr. Packer- 6th
Mrs. Arnao-7th
Mrs. Santos-8th
Website- Beck Counseling Corner (google.com)



National Bullying Prevention Month

TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE
A WORLD WITHOUT BULLYING

CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES	KNOW YOUR ACTIONS MATTER	RESPECT EACH OTHER
INCLUDE THOSE WHO ARE LEFT OUT	SHARE KINDNESS	LISTEN WITH PATIENCE

National Bullying Prevention Center

Mindsets & Behaviors:

For Bullying Prevention Month, we want to highlight:
Cultural awareness, sensitivity and responsiveness

By recognizing our biases and leading with empathy, we can create a culture of kindness.

Try this free biases quiz to gain awareness on our unconscious biases.



Healthy Tips:

SELF-CARE FOR KIDS

- GET MORE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY WHEN THEY FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG
- HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL IN THE COMMUNITY
- HELP THEM KNOWING THEIR FEELINGS
- ENCOURAGE SELF-CARE ROUTINES



Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 6- 6th Grade Dance
- Oct 16- Full Day Teacher In-Service
- Oct 16-27- Selling of Boo Grams
- Oct 19- Interims Issued

WEEK OF RESPECT

at Beck Middle School

MONDAY 10/5 We're stronger as a TEAM! Show off your school spirit! 

TUESDAY 10/6 Respect for Diversity: Wear cultural attire! 

WEDNESDAY 10/6 Be a buddy! 

THURSDAY 10/6 Respect: Check Art by SGA

FRIDAY 10/6 Kindness is Cool in our School! 

Lets Connect:

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STAY PAWSITIVE

Athletics, Clubs & Activites

Please check the [Athletics Calendar](#) for upcoming games. Some of the games that have been cancelled due to weather have now been rescheduled and are on the calendar.

Please be sure to check the [Beck Website Calendar](#) for club meeting dates and intramural sports. Students have been enjoying Art Club, Beck Environmental Club, Animal Lovers Club, and Video Game Club just to name a few! Intramural volleyball, basketball and Tennis have had lots of participants. Intramurals are a great way to try a new sport or prepare for tryouts for a competitive sport.





October is Filipino American History Month

Filipino Americans are the 2nd largest Asian American group in the United States! Try a [Filipino Recipe](#) at home.



October is Italian American Heritage & Culture Month

Sauce or Gravy? Nearly 15% of NJ claims Italian Ancestry! Go visit the [Italian Market](#) in Philadelphia,



October is Polish American Heritage Month

Did you know Polish is a Slavic language and pierogies are delicious! Try some easy [Polish Recipes!](#)



Contact Us

Attendance: If your student is absent or needs an early dismissal, please just email Beck Attendance at BeckAttendance@chclc.org

Website: <https://www.chclc.org/Domain/21>

Location: [950 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ, USA](#)

Phone: 856-424-4505