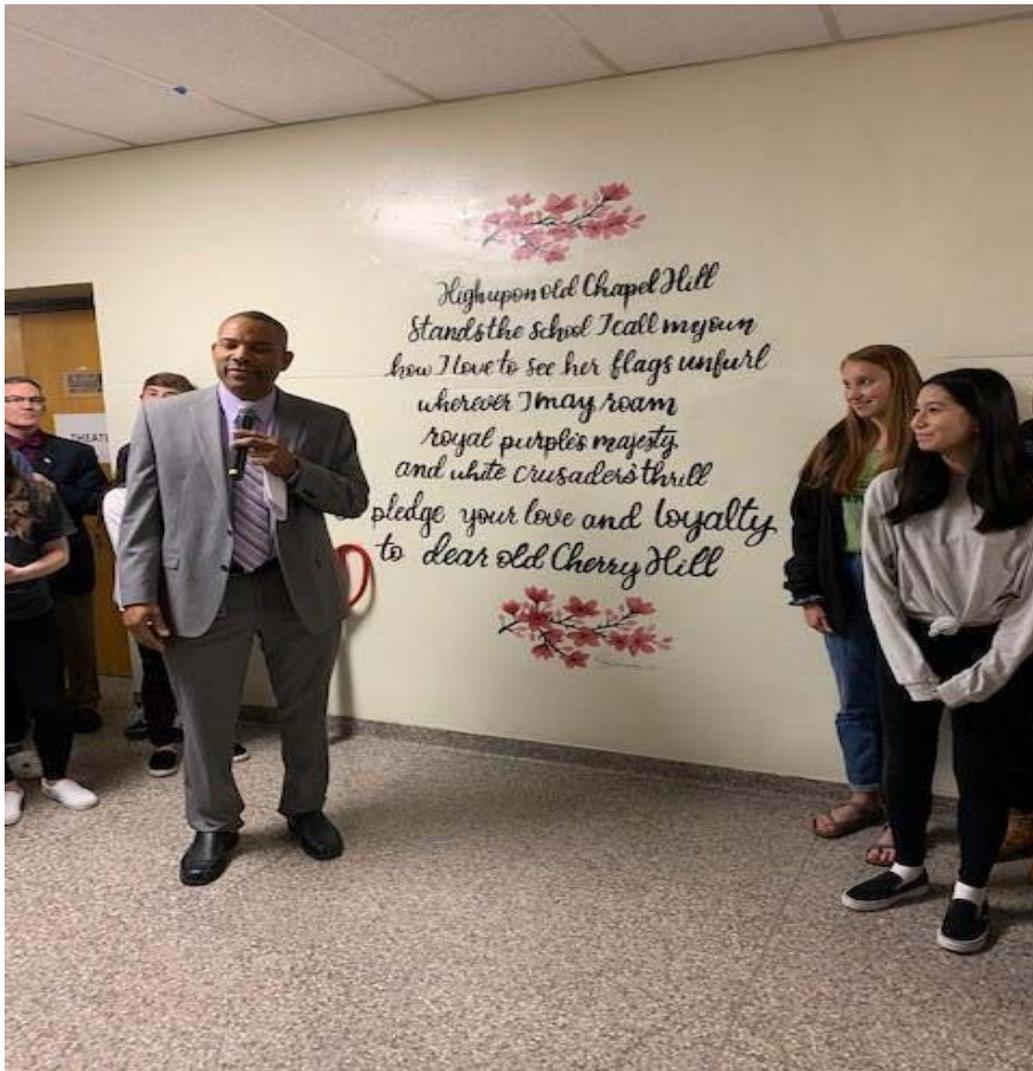


A message from the Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.



Traditions and Gratitude

The approaching Thanksgiving holiday is a time for not only readying for our traditions at home, but for appreciating the traditions within CHPS..

Thanksgiving Day is less than one week away! I always look forward to Thanksgiving – and not so much because of the days off, but because of the significance of the holiday and the chance to slow down, to connect with loved ones, and to reflect on the long list of things for which I'm thankful. My gratitude for the Cherry Hill community was especially amplified this week as I was out and about in our schools. There are few better ways to inject joy into a workday than spending it with kindergartners, as I was able to on Thursday at Stockton Elementary. What a treat it was to see how much our kindergarten teachers are now able to expand the learning and playtime for their students in our new full-day program. I also stopped by Bret Harte Elementary and soaked up the positive energy there. My two Town Hall Meetings with student groups at Beck and Rosa Middle Schools were uplifting as well, as students voiced their own gratitude and concerns in a thoughtful, respectful manner. Meeting with staff at Carusi, Rosa, and Cherry Hill East also provided great insight into their commitment and pride in the work they do.

This week also marked the beginning of Spirit Week in each of our high schools as we approach the annual Homecoming Football Game between High Schools West and East on Wednesday, November 27. I was honored to be invited to participate in a wonderful Spirit Week kickoff event on Wednesday at West. Students organized a ceremonial unveiling of the new Alma Mater mural, created by West senior Noor Baig, at the interior front entrance of the school. The event, produced by

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Action Meeting

November 26 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

[Agenda available online](#)

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF

November 27

Early dismissal times:
Grades Pre-K-5: 1pm;
Grades 6-8: 12:15 pm;
Grades 9-12: 11:45 am

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 28 & 29

Conferences for Elementary and Middle Schools

December 2-5

Elementary and middle schools only operate on an Early Dismissal schedule. Elementary schools will dismiss at 1 pm; middle schools will dismiss at 12:15 pm.

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

December 2 @ 6 pm

students, was live streamed to all classrooms, and all students and staff sang the Alma Mater simultaneously throughout the building. As a West alum, I was truly touched by the enthusiasm of the current students and the alumni in attendance. Being able to join the voices – from all the way back to the class of 1969 (retired Student Support Supervisor Mr. Dan DiRenzo) to current underclassmen – singing beautifully about “dear old Cherry Hill” was a moment I won’t forget.

You can see video of the event, including the singing, on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Following us on social media is a great way to keep up with what's happening all over the District! If you haven't already, please download our free District app from the App Store or Google Play – then customize it to feed your school's information, in addition to District information, directly to you. Have a question for us that's also of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer!

As a reminder, Wednesday, November 27 is an early dismissal day for all students and staff. Please see the “Upcoming Events” column at right for dismissal times by grade level. I will be at the Homecoming Football Game that evening at 6 pm at Jonas Morris Stadium and hope to see you there. It's a tradition not to be missed! And be sure to bring an unperishable food donation for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.

As the busyness of the season ramps up this weekend, I hope you will have the time to begin reflecting on the best traditions in your life – and even consider starting new ones. And remember, treating others with kindness and gratitude need not be reserved for the holiday season! Every day presents an opportunity to be kind.

Regards,

Joseph Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

"Be a rainbow in someone's day."

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**Curriculum &
Instruction
Committee Meeting**

December 2 @ 7 pm
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**Business & Facilities
Committee Meeting**

December 3 @ 6 pm
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**Strategic Planning
Committee Meeting**

December 3 @ 7 pm
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Procedure

for Placing Restrictions on Student Meal Accounts

Parents who wish to place restrictions on their child's meal account are asked to call the Food Service office at (856) 424-2316 or email Operations Director Anne King at King-Anne@aramark.com

Parents may stipulate the following:

No breakfast

No second meals

Limits on particular snacks, for example: no fruit snacks, no ice cream

If a parent places a restriction on a child's account, the child will not be able to buy the restricted item(s), even if the child brings in money for the particular item(s).

Questions about restrictions should be directed to Anne King at the phone number/email listed above.



MLK Commission Announces Essay Contest for Students

This year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative, the New Jersey MLK Commission, will focus on the women leaders of the struggle for equality and civil rights.

Students: You are invited to join this movement by creating an essay that will tell the story of Women Who Led, and how they can inspire you and all of us! Choose one of the [10 great leaders listed online](#) and write an essay about what you find compelling about your choice. The Commission seeks essays from middle and high school students, as well as youth engaged in various programs.

- Applications must be submitted online by **December 10, 2019**.
- Notification of the essay honorees (a total of 10) will be sent by January 6, 2020.

Those selected will receive:

- A medal of Recognition;
- A \$100 gift card;
- Essay will be posted on our website;
- Honorees will be asked to read their essay at the MLK Commemorative on January 19, 2020, at the State Museum Auditorium in Trenton, NJ.

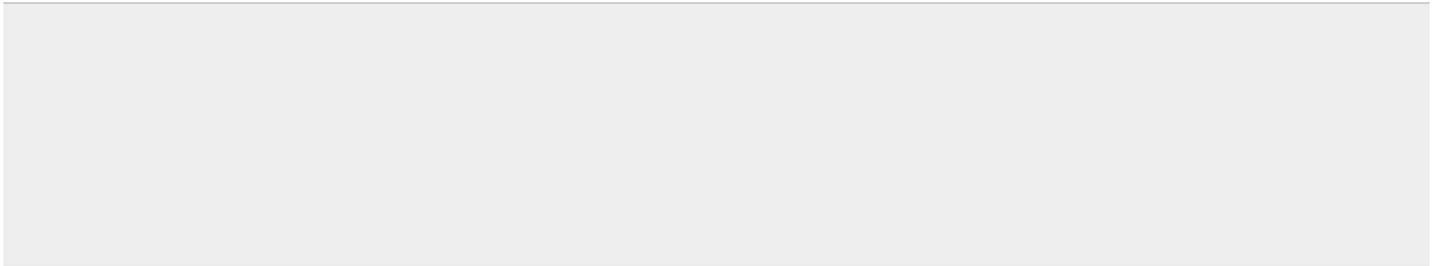


Community Bulletin Board Offers Info on Events, Club Sports, Programs

Looking for information on local events, club sports, scouting programs and more? You'll find all of this on the [Community Bulletin Board](#) page of the District web site.

Organizations interested in having items posted on the Community Bulletin Board are asked to email the Public Information Office and publicinfo@chclc.org.

If you have questions, please
contact Rowena at (609) 633-
9627
or Rowena.madden@sos.nj.gov



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