

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 6, 2019

UPCOMING

# The State of the District

**Our new report takes a look at where **WE** are and where we're going.**

Happy December! As the end of the year approaches, many of us take stock of our accomplishments during the past year and look ahead as to what we'd like the New Year to hold. We in the Cherry Hill Schools do the same, and recently released the [2019 State of the District](#) report, presented at the November 26 Board of Education Action Meeting and available for review on the [District web site](#). The State of the District offers a fascinating look at not only who we are and where we rank statistically, but also an amazing look at some of what has been accomplished in each of our schools since the fall of 2018. Please be sure to read it not only as a record of the last year, but as a contextual guide for where we are headed as a District.

This month may be shortened by our Winter Break (our schools will be closed from December 23-January 1), but we're packing into the next two weeks many wonderful events and opportunities for family involvement. Our elementary and middle schools yesterday wrapped up four days of conferences, in which parents had the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers and hear about their children's progress, joys and challenges so far this school year. Conferences are an invaluable way to form relationships with teachers and to gain a greater understanding of the school experience from both the student's and the teacher's point of view. If you attended, I hope you are inspired to continue to stay engaged in your child's educational journey. There are always opportunities to be involved in the schools, whether through volunteering as a classroom parent, joining the PTA, joining booster clubs or attending events, and your and your child's educational journey in the Cherry Hill Schools will be most meaningful with your participation.

You don't need to look far to find events to attend this month! We've entered Winter Concert season here in the Cherry Hill Schools, kicked off by the All Cherry Hill Chorus Concert on Monday, December 2. This annual performance of 5<sup>th</sup> grade singers from all 12 of our elementary schools is truly a treat, with talent that belies the singers' age! Not surprisingly, the members of each

## EVENTS

### **Board of Education Action Meeting**

December 14 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

December 23-January 1  
PLEASE NOTE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019 IS A FULL DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF

### **Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting**

January 6 @ 6 pm  
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting**

January 6 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Business & Facilities Committee Meeting**

January 7 @ 6 pm  
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**

January 7 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

All Cherry Hill Chorus often go on to pursue music in middle and high school. I encourage you to attend a Winter Concert – whether vocal, instrumental, or both – this season! Cherry Hill High School East’s Fall Show, *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, also opens next week at the Cherry Hill West Auditorium (due to construction at East). Dates and times for concerts and the East Fall Show are listed on the [District Events Calendar](#).

Be sure to stay in the know by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)! 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!

Our community is looking festive as holiday decorations and lights are up all around town – I hope you are able to enjoy them this weekend, as well as the many holiday events in Cherry Hill and our neighboring communities this month. I will be at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the Carman Tilelli Community Center on Monday, December 9 at 5:30 pm, as the Township commemorates the start of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas, and I hope to see you there!

And as winter is approaching, please remember the words of Kahlil Gibran: Kindness is like snow – it beautifies everything it covers!

Regards,

***Joseph Meloche***

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

*"Be a rainbow in someone's day."*

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ESSAY•POSTER•VIDEO CONTEST  
FOR  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020  
OPEN TO ALL CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, K-12

Topic  
*African Americans in the Armed Forces and NASA*



Three monetary prizes at each level.  
Elementary grades: K-5p, 2nd-3rd-4th-5th  
Secondary grades: 6th-7th, 8th-9th, 10th-11th, 12th

Submission Dates:  
November 25, 2019 until February 1, 2020

Contact your school's guidance counselor or  
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## History Month Essay, Poster, Video Contest Now Accepting Entries

The Rev. Ivan George Essay/Poster/Video Contest for Black History Month 2020 is now accepting entries from all Cherry Hill Public School students K-12. This year's topic is "African Americans in the Armed Forces and NASA." Entry deadline is February 1, 2020.

Three monetary prizes will be awarded at each grade level: K-1st; 2nd-3rd; 4th-5th; 6th-7th; 8th-9th; 10th-11th; and 12th.

[Details and official rules are available online.](#) More information also is available from your school guidance counselor and on the [Cherry Hill Library web site.](#)

## 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.

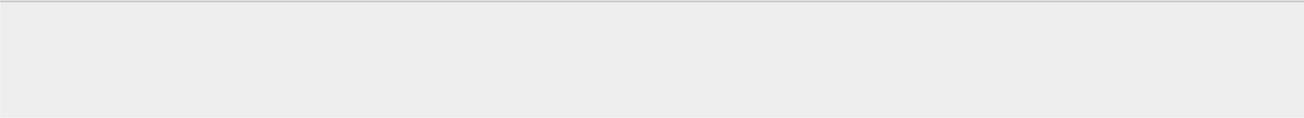
If you have questions, please contact Rowena at (609) 633-9627 or [Rowena.madden@sos.nj.gov](mailto:Rowena.madden@sos.nj.gov)

## Parental Input and Vendors Sought for "Parent University"

The Cherry Hill Public Schools will be hosting its second annual Parent University/Resource Fair event on March 26, 2020 and **WE** would like parents' input about the content for and delivery of this program.

Please complete the [short online survey](#) regarding potential workshop topics and the means by which participants may access the event. The survey will be open until December 13, 2019.

Vendor space for the event is available! Please call Bonnie Mingin at (856) 429-5600, extension 4416 for more information and to reserve a table.



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