

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 27, 2017

Partnerships with Police

Collaboration, teaching and learning extend beyond our school buildings. The District's relationship with the Cherry Hill Police Department adds a whole new dimension to our students' school experience.

One of the many aspects of my job that I thoroughly enjoy is forging partnerships with people and groups outside of the school community, then introducing these folks to our staff and students. The relationships that form are meaningful for all involved. The relationship the Cherry Hill Police Department (CHPD) has forged with our students and staff – district wide – has continued to evolve and has been particularly visible this fall. I'm thrilled to share with you several examples of how our relationship with the CHPD is growing and thriving.

Brand new this week: [the announcement of a Police Club at both High Schools East and West](#). The Police Club was designed as an opportunity for one-on-one interaction between students and law enforcement and to give the students a voice in dealing with and addressing concerns within their school and community. Students will learn about and discuss current events and topics such as emerging drug trends, cyber bullying, and social media use. Additionally, the students will get to know the officers on a more personal level and develop a level of trust and understanding. This inside look at law enforcement is intended to lead to a better understanding of the profession, with a secondary goal of recruiting future police officers. Informational meetings for the clubs will take place on October 30 at East in Lecture Hall 2 and October 31 at West in Room F32, during both lunch periods.

For past few weeks, members of the CHPD have joined the cross country teams' practices at Cherry Hill West, running with the student athletes, as pictured above. This "new tradition" has been a delight to witness, as both the students and the officers gain a shared appreciation for one another.

At our younger grade levels, members of the CHPD were integral this month to our schools' [Red Ribbon Week](#) assemblies, talking to our elementary school

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting](#)

Nov 6 @ 6 pm

Barclay Early Childhood
Center, 1220 Winston Way

[Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting](#)

Nov 6 @ 7 pm

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[Election Day](#)

Nov 7

Vote!

[Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

Nov 8 @ 6 pm

Barclay Early Childhood
Center, 1220 Winston Way

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

Nov 8 @ 7 pm

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[Board of Education Work Session](#)

Nov 14 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

[SCHOOLS CLOSED](#)

Nov 23 & 24

[Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

Nov 28 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo

and middle school students in an age-appropriate way about staying drug free and using social media and the internet in a responsible, safe way. Officers Julia Downes and Renee Houlihan also were in attendance at the Cherry Hill Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's Red Ribbon Week Poster and Essay Contest Awards Ceremony last night, October 26, greeting and congratulating our student winners, listed in the story below, at left. And of course, many officers conducted their regular "walk through" visits of our buildings, as they will continue to do throughout the school year.

I encourage you to share a smile and a kind word of thanks to the members of the Cherry Hill Police Department as you see them out and about in our schools and our community. Their service to all of us is invaluable.

Be sure to keep up with the latest happenings in the District by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#), Ask questions via [District web site](#) Q&A portal, [Quick Question](#), and join me for my live monthly broadcast, "[Online Lunch with the Superintendent](#)" with an opportunity to submit questions. Please remember, our [Board Work Sessions and Action Meetings](#) are open to the public and [broadcast live](#), then [archived on our YouTube channel](#) for later viewing. All [Board committee meetings](#), with the exception of Human Resources, are open to the public as well.

My next "Coffee with the Superintendent" meeting, to discuss our long range strategic plan and the upcoming bond referendum on September 25, 2018, is tomorrow morning, October 28 from 9-10:30 am at James Johnson Elementary School. I hope you will bring your favorite beverage and your questions! If you can't make it, please plan to attend [one of the other meetings scheduled through June](#).

Please be safe this Halloween – [refer to the CHPD trick-or-treating guidelines released earlier this week](#) – and enjoy!

Each day, let's continue to support one another with kindness!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



CHPS Students Honored for Red Ribbon Week Posters and Essays

[Fifty-four Cherry Hill Public Schools students received awards](#) in the Cherry Hill Alliance on Drug and Alcohol Abuse's Red Ribbon Week Poster and Essay Contest Awards Ceremony at the Carman Tilelli Community Center on Thursday, October 26.

Students from all grade levels submitted work based on the theme "#YOLO so be drug free!" Students who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place honors received awards. Pictured are Cherry Hill High School West senior winners in the poster category Sameenah Tshak (3rd place), Jomar Perez (2nd place) and Sally Johnston (1st place) with Town Councilpersons Carole Roskoph, Carolyn Jacobs and Council President David Fleisher.

Congratulations to [all of the winning students!](#)



Cherry Hill High School East Marching Band Has Strong Showing at Festival

The Cherry Hill High School East Marching Band on October 21 swept several categories at the 2017 William Tennent Celebration of Bands Marching Band Festival Competition.

The Marching Band and Color Guard received an overall rating of "Superior," the highest rating possible.

In addition, East students received the Best Brass section award; Best Percussion section award; Best Overall Music and Best Overall Visual Effect (tying in this category with Upper Moreland High School).

Congratulations to all, and a wish for continued success in the upcoming competitions during the next two weeks!



Holiday Child Care Available to all CHPS Elementary Students

The Cherry Hill Public Schools offers child care through the Student Enrichment Program (STEP) for all CHPS elementary school students when school is closed for certain holidays. **Children do not have to attend School Aged Child Care (SACC) to attend STEP Holiday Child Care.**

STEP Holiday Child Care is open from 7 am to 6 pm for the holidays of November 9 & 10; February 16; March 16; and April 2-6.

You must register your child in the STEP office at Cooper Elementary School, 1960 Greentree Road, no later than 5 business days prior to the date(s) you select.

Details and registration forms are available on the [STEP Holiday Child Care page of the District web site.](#)

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