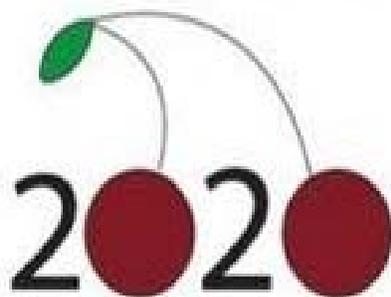


A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill
Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 15, 2017

CHPS 2020 Plan Update

We've been out and about since August, speaking with community members about our long-range strategic plan. Here's the latest information about what's coming up next.

This has been an exciting year in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, not only because of how our students continue to learn and thrive with the outstanding guidance of our teachers and staff, but because we have been moving ahead with our long-range strategic plan, ["Cherry Hill Public Schools 2020: A clear vision for the future."](#)

We've added 26 community meetings to our communications efforts this year. Called ["Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent,"](#) (although some folks have nicknamed them "A cup of Joe, with Joe!") these meetings are taking in place in each of our elementary, middle and high schools, as well as at the Malberg Administration Building, on Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons and weekday afternoons and evenings. The next meeting is on Saturday, January 6 from 9-10:30 am, and I welcome all members of the Cherry Hill community to join me at A.Russell Knight Elementary School. During these meetings, I detail the work that has been completed recently in our school buildings. We've finished dozens and dozens of capital projects during the last few years, and attendees of the meetings have expressed appreciation for being able to see pictures of that work, while gaining an understanding of how much work we have ahead of us.

In addition to the Coffee & Conversation meetings, we've been giving presentations at Board of Education meetings and Board Committee meetings on the progress of the 2020 plan and the implications for our upcoming bond referendum, which will take place in a special election on October 2, 2018. The bond is necessary for us complete projects that will help CHPS serve the needs of our students, as we continue to deliver the excellent education for which we are so well known. I encourage you to take a look at the [December 5, 2017 presentation](#) Mrs. Lynn Shugars, our Assistant Superintendent/Business Administrator, and I conducted at the latest Board

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Hill High School West Production

A Christmas Carol - The Musical

Dec 15 & 16 @ 7 pm

Dec 16 & 17 @ 2 pm

Cherry Hill High School
West

Santa Breakfast: Dec 16 @
11 am, includes ticket to 2
pm matinee

www.ShowTix4U.com

Board of Education Action Meeting

Dec 19 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Dec 23-Jan 1

NOTE: All schools will be in
session for a FULL DAY on
Friday, Dec 22

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

Jan 2 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

Jan 2 @ 7 pm

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Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting. You may also watch a video of the entire meeting, which is archived on our [YouTube channel](#). There was a great deal of discussion at that meeting among all of the Board committees (Policy & Legislation, Curriculum & Instruction, Business & Facilities, and Strategic Planning). I believe you'll find it enlightening.

The next nine months will be pivotal in decision-making about future projects in the Cherry Hill Schools. I hope you will stay informed by following the [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds from the District and your schools. In addition to following us on those platforms, I encourage you to keep up with the latest happenings in the District by checking in with us on [YouTube](#). There, you'll find my latest Online Lunch broadcast and our previously taped Board of Education meetings. Ask questions via the District web site Q&A portal, [Quick Question](#). And please remember, our [Board Work Sessions and Action Meetings](#) are open to the public and [broadcast live](#). All [Board committee meetings](#), with the exception of Human Resources, are open to the public as well.

I will be attending Cherry Hill High School West's production, *A Christmas Carol – The Musical*, this evening and hope to see you there! Show times are tonight, December 15, at 7 pm, with additional shows Saturday, December 16, at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday, December 17, at 2 pm. Tickets are available one hour before show time at the box office or at <http://www.showtix4u.com/>. There will also be a "Santa Breakfast" on Saturday, December 16, at 11 am, which includes tickets to the 2 pm matinee. Call (856) 663-8006, extension 1224 to reserve or reserve online at www.ShowTix4U.com

Please be safe this weekend and remember to take time to relax with your loved ones in spite of the "busyness" of the season. If you encounter stresses and annoyances, choose to take a breath and relax, choose to be kind. The smallest of kind gestures can make a huge difference for those who receive them. Hug your children, take time to enjoy them as they are in this very moment in time. Make a new memory this weekend, talk about your hopes and dreams.

Regards,

[Joe Meloche](#)

Jan 3 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

Jan 3 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

[Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent](#)

Jan 6 from 9-10:30 am
A. Russell Knight
Elementary School
140 Old Carriage Road

[Board of Education Work Session](#)

Jan 9 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Joe Meloche

Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



West Spanish Classes Partner with Life Skills Class to Bring Holiday Cheer to Mi Casita Day Care Center

Students in Cherry Hill High School West's Spanish Heritage classes 5A and 5AP are working with the Life Skills Class as part of the annual outreach to children in need at the Mi Casita Day Care Center.

Pictured above, the Spanish students and teachers traveled via New Jersey Transit with the Life Skills Class to the Moorestown Mall on December 15 to buy toys for Mi Casita. The Life Skills Class has collected more than \$400 through Shop West fundraisers, and have made signs and pictures for the little ones at Mi Casita.

West Spanish students accompanied the Life Skills students to the stores at the mall and helped them with shopping, budgeting, handling change, and checking off their purchases.

In addition to this field trip, the Spanish classes accepted donations of toys this month to ensure that all of the children at Mi Casita would receive gifts. Staff and students at West generously donated to the effort.



Bus Delays Likely During Holiday Season

The CHPS Transportation Department reminds all community members that traffic around Cherry Hill is particularly heavy this season, especially on Friday afternoons.

They would like to thank parents for their continued patience as our bus drivers navigate traffic challenges around the township!



Reminder about Inclement Weather Decisions

CHPS has a comprehensive plan for determining whether schools should be closed or on a delayed opening schedule during inclement weather.

The decision to open or close schools in bad weather is based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, including:

Road conditions throughout our large district.

Amount of accumulated snow and ice and whether precipitation is expected to continue.

Building conditions (e.g., do we have electricity and heat?).

Parking lot and sidewalk conditions.

As a thank you to the Life Skills Class, the Heritage Class students will be throwing them a party on December 21, including teaching them Latin dances.

Temperature and wind chill. School closing decisions by other districts in the area. Information gathered from the township's Department of Public Works, Office of Emergency Management, Camden County, and weather services.

Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent of Schools, makes the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from our facilities and transportation departments.

More information about school closing notifications may be found under the [School Closing Information tab](#) on the [District web site](#).