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A Clear Vision for the Future

What do you envision for our facilities, our staffing, our curriculum and more?

CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 9, 2016

Vision & Voice

Your opportunity to share your thoughts about the Board of Education's goal work will soon come to a close. Please don't miss this chance to have direct input into the future of our schools!

You may remember in [the October 21, 2016 issue of CHPS WEEKLY](#), I talked about communication and how to stay informed as a Cherry Hill Public Schools community member. In my weekly message, I mentioned our strategic planning work, "[Cherry Hill Public Schools 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future.](#)" This work is an ambitious portion of the Cherry Hill Board of Education's goal work, looking ahead to students who will attend our schools in the year 2020 and beyond.

We invited you to come to at least one of our three Community Conversations – which began November 3 and wrapped up this past Wednesday afternoon, December 7 – to participate in discussions I led outlining the current state of the District and collecting the ideas our community members have for the future of our schools. Our attendees voiced their thoughtful comments and concerns, and asked excellent questions of me and of one another. I greatly appreciate the time invested by those who participated during this busy time of year. We will be taking into consideration each and every comment from these sessions, and already have taken action on some of the more immediate concerns raised, such as [our plan to address our ongoing water testing results](#).

Although the in-person meetings regarding the goal work are complete, we happily welcome your written thoughts about the future of the Cherry Hill Public Schools. [Please review the information regarding the CHPS 2020 project, fill out the comments portion and send the document to us by December 16.](#) Your voice counts! No request or wish is too big or too small to include for consideration. All responses are being organized on a spread sheet for review purposes. On January 10, we will discuss the results of the survey and community conversations at the Board of Education Work Session at 7 pm. In May, we will make

UPCOMING EVENTS

[The Miracle Worker, Cherry Hill High School East](#)

December 9 & 10, 7:30 am
East Auditorium

[School of Rock, Cherry Hill High School West](#)

December 9, 7 pm
December 10, 2 pm & 7 pm

[Board of Education Work Session](#)

December 13 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

[Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

December 20 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

[EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF](#)

December 23

[SCHOOLS CLOSED](#)

December 24 - January 1

[Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting](#)

January 2 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

[Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting](#)

January 2 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

[Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

a formal presentation to the Board regarding the next steps in the “CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future” plan.

These are exciting times for the Cherry Hill Public Schools, as we explore possibilities for the future of our facilities and infrastructure, materials/supplies/services, staffing, process and governance, finance and cost, and other areas. This project has a long view, planning for the Class of 2038 and beyond. Please be a part of this important work. Share your thoughts and help shape the future.

If you have questions about the district or about things happening in the district, please contact us directly. You can visit [our website](#) for a wealth of information. Please remember that not all information that is posted about our district on social media platforms – outside of our own [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts – is accurate. I am always interested in speaking with, or corresponding with, folks from the community.

As we move through December, please remember to smile, to share a kind word, and to be positive in your engagement with the community. Nice definitely matters, every day.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

January 3 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

January 3 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building



School Concerts

Offer Music in the Spirit of the Season

The week of December 12 includes music concerts at both high schools, with a great variety of seasonal pieces by the CHPS' award-winning



CHPS Athletes Named to All South Jersey XC Teams



Wanted: Graduates from 2012-2016 for Young Alumni Board

Superintendent Dr. Joseph

musicians.

On Tuesday, December 13, the Cherry Hill High School East Instrumental Music Department will be presenting its winter concert.

The concert will feature music from the "Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake" ballets of Peter Tchaikovsky. The jazz ensembles will also be showcasing excerpts from Duke Ellington's famous jazz variations on Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" music.

A special presentation will be the Cherry Hill East Symphony Orchestra and soloist performing the "Rondo" from Piano Concerto No. 1 in E minor of Frederic Chopin. The piano soloist will be High School East senior Gabrielle Hsu. Miss Hsu has been awarded over 60 piano competition awards including 1st Place in the Princeton Steinway Scholarship Society Competition. She has competed and traveled internationally.

On the program also will be works by Mozart and Shostakovich. East senior violin soloist Sarah Kim will be featured with music by Astor Piazzolla. On the jazz side will be music by Duke Ellington, Glen Miller, Oscar Peterson, Miles Davis and the jazz-fusion of Chuck Mangione.

The concert time is 7:30 pm in the Cherry Hill East Auditorium.

On Thursday, December 15, the Cherry Hill High School West Vocal and Instrumental Music Departments will offer a combined concert. Instrumentalists and singers will perform modern and traditional songs of the season, including the annual Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, in which choral alumni are invited to join the chorus on stage and sing along with them.

The concert will be held at 7 pm in the West Auditorium.

Admission is free to both concerts.

Three Boys' Cross Country runners and two Girls' Cross Country runners have been named to the South Jersey Track Coaches' Association's 2016 All South Jersey Cross Country teams.

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School East's Marc Meltzer and Tyler Parsons, as well as Cherry Hill High School West's Robert Abrams, all named to the boys' All South Jersey team. Congratulations also to East's Sarah Pierce and Grace Yoon, for earning places on the girls' All South Jersey team.

The South Jersey Track Coaches Association is comprised of high school Track and Field and Cross Country coaches from the 7 counties of Southern New Jersey: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem.

Members of the All South Jersey teams were honored at a banquet earlier this week.

Meloche invites Cherry Hill Public Schools graduates from the classes of 2012-2016 to be a part of the new Young Alumni Board, which will meet for the first time in late December.

Meetings will take place in person or virtually three to four times a year. Discussion will focus on what recent graduates found most useful – and what they wish had been available to them – during their time in the Cherry Hill Schools. "This information will help us continue to best meet the needs of our students," Dr. Meloche says.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Janet Cohen at (856)429-5600, extension 4309 or jacohen@chclc.org. Please indicate the time of day (morning, afternoon or evening) that works best for you.

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