

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 2, 2017

# Summer Reading Revamped

**There is big news regarding our Summer Reading assignments this year. We're already getting positive feedback about the changes.**

I love to read. Reading expands one's world, whether through fiction that generates the imagination, nonfiction that teaches new ideas and concepts, or historical fiction that blends factual information with a creative plot and characters. In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, we assign [Summer Reading](#) to our rising 6th through 12th graders for several reasons:

- To develop lifelong readers and learners
- To provide an opportunity for students to practice the academic skills learned throughout the year
- To motivate students to read thought-provoking and enjoyable books
- To encourage reading

We love to keep our students engaged in learning during the summer. We realize, however, that while some students are enthusiastic readers, others find reading assignments more challenging. Our Language Arts Curriculum Team took a look at our Summer Reading program earlier this year, and they've made some positive changes that I'm excited to share with you.

I had the great pleasure of welcoming Ms. Violeta Katsikis, Supervisor of Language Arts K-12, as my Special Guest on my [Online Lunch today](#), pictured above. Ms. Katsikis talked with me about the myriad of choices for our students to read this summer, and how her team revamped our approach to the assignments. I encourage you to take a look at the Online Lunch, especially Ms. Katsikis' segment during the first 15 minutes, for details about our Summer Reading. One of the most significant changes this year is that our rising 9th through 12th graders will have a choice of assignments and, at certain levels, a choice of texts. Our high school students may now read the suggested title for their grade level or independently select another title connected to the grade level theme, provided they submit a parent permission letter. The themes for this year by grade level are:

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting](#)

June 5 @ 6 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### [Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting](#)

June 5 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### [Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

June 6 @ 6 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### [Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

June 6 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### [Board of Education Work Session](#)

June 13 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### [High School Graduation Ceremonies](#)

**BOTH ON JUNE 15 @ Liacouras Center, Temple University - *tickets required for entry***

Cherry Hill High School East:  
11:30 am

Cherry Hill High School West:  
4 pm

- 6th grade: Self Discovery - uncovering qualities about oneself
- 7th grade: Life's Journeys - how life experiences may influence and change us
- 8th grade: Resiliency - the ability to positively respond to a challenging situation
- 9th grade: Constructing Identities - how we form and shape our identities
- 10th grade: Power and Responsibility - how power affects us, leadership
- 11th grade: The American Dream - idea of American Dream, opportunity, equality
- 12th grade: Social Justice - exploration of fairness, justice, equality

Your child will receive a Summer Reading assignment packet from his or her teacher before the end of the school year. The assignments also are available online on the District web site and school web site under the "[Academics](#)" tab, or you may pick up hard copies at the Malberg Administration Building. If you have questions about Summer Reading, please contact your child's teacher. And remember, Summer Reading can be a great way to bond with your children when you, too, read the book. Discussions can open up a whole new level of understanding of a text, whether you and your child like the book or not. And reading a book together can help you learn more about one another.

Please continue to stay involved with our schools in any way you can. Attend our Board of Education meetings, listed on the [District Events Calendar](#), or view them on our [Live Stream](#). Stay informed as our long range strategic plan, "[CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future](#)," evolves. Ask a question through our "[Quick Question](#)" portal on the [District web site](#). Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you haven't already, download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store.

As we embark on these last two weeks of school, I'll be collecting the Summer Reading assignments for my daughters and preparing to read along with them this summer. All titles are available in large quantities at Barnes and Noble, or check with the Cherry Hill Public Library for title availability. I hope you'll take the opportunity to read along with your children as well!

Regards,

## Middle School Graduation Ceremonies

**ALL ON JUNE 16**

Beck: 9:30 am @ CHEast, DiBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am @ CHWest, Jones Gym

Rosa: 2:30 pm @ CHEast, DiBart Gym

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## Carusi Softball Team Wins Championship

The Carusi Mustang Softball team, pictured in the collage above concluded their undefeated season beating Demasi Middle School in the Championship game on Wednesday, May 31.

Under direction of Coach George Hanna, the girls showed not only great athleticism, but great teamwork. Team members are:

Naomi Aristone

Jessica Bianco

Meredith Brickner

Lily Burke

Kayla Dudley

Antoinette Gaeta

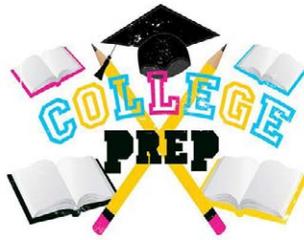
Olivia Gerace

Nayahlis Gomez

Emily Hazel

Camryn Kitchin

Charlotte Rice



## College Essay Workshop, SAT/PSAT and ACT Prep Courses Available This Summer

The Cherry Hill Public Schools Guidance Department offers three summer courses to high school students/residents preparing to write their college essay and take the PSAT, SAT and/or ACT exam. Sessions for each course run from July 31-August 3 and August 7-10, with morning, afternoon and evening hours available. Click the links below for details and registration forms for each course.

All checks and registration forms must be submitted to the Guidance Department by Friday, June 16, 2017.

[2017 College Essay Prep Course Registration Form](#)

[2017 ACT Prep Course Registration Form](#)

[2017 SAT/PSAT Prep Course Registration Form](#)



## Rosa Middle School Student Places 7th in National Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Rosa International Middle School 6th grader Shruthika Padhy, pictured above, for her 7th place finish at the Scripps National Spelling Bee on June 1 in Washington, D.C.

Last year, Shruthika finished 22nd. Her goal was to be in the finals this year. For her 7th place finish, Padhy receives a \$2,000 prize and an assortment of gifts given to all the competitors.

Shruthika also was featured in [a story in the Philadelphia Inquirer](#).

Hailey Riess

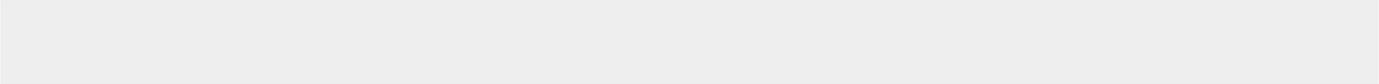
Kelly Short

Isabella Sylvester

Kayla Thompson

Isabella West

Congratulations to all!



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