

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



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of September 4, 2015

Welcome Back, Welcome Back,

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Back!

Our schools are again filled with the energy and excitement that our students bring!

With the sun brightly shining, our district staff welcomed more than 11,000 students to the first day of school on Tuesday, September 1st. The familiar sight of the yellow school buses traveling the neighborhoods was accompanied by children on bikes and families with cameras capturing the memories of the first day. I am grateful to the folks in our transportation department and their communication with the bus companies to ensure the routes were being efficiently followed. Thank you to our families for being patient as some routes were running a little slower than they will once everyone is into the regular routine.

I had the opportunity to visit all 19 schools during the past week – which was the highlight of my first week as superintendent! After all of the work that our administrators, custodians, and buildings & grounds staff did during the summer, it is great to have the buildings filled with the energy and excitement that envelopes our students.

Please be sure to get involved in your school community and in the district as a whole. Join the PTA, become involved in booster groups and maintain regular communication with your child's teachers. Our school district and our community thrive on our involved families. Let us work together to continue to improve the opportunity and the experience for everyone.

Take time to reflect during this long weekend on the essence of Labor Day and the reason why, as a nation, we honor the men and women of the skilled trades, upon whose expertise and talent our country was built and is still maintained. A special thank you to all of our community members who are involved in the trades.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

Schools Closed

September 4

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Labor Day

September 7

Back to School Nights (All begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted)

Stockton - September 8

Barton - September 9

Johnson - September 9

Kilmer, 6:30 pm -
September 9

Woodcrest - September 9

Kingston - September 10

Knight, Grades K-2: 6:15-
7:15 pm; Grades 3-5:
7:30-8:30 pm - September
10

Carusi 7th & 8th Grade -
September 16

Carusi 6th Grade -
September 17

East - September 17

Beck 7th & 8th Grade -
September 21

Paine: September 24

Rosa 6th Grade -
September 24

Beck 6th Grade -
September 28

Cooper - September 30

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P.S. If you haven't already, be sure to [download our free District app](#), which includes a wealth of information and news, and can be customized with direct access to your child's school calendar. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our [District Events Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. [You'll find the 2015-2016 School Year "Overview" Calendar here.](#) And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.

Rosa 7th & 8th Grade -
September 30

Sharp Grades K-2: 7 pm;
Grades 3-5: 8 pm -
October 1

Harte - October 1

West - October 1

Barclay - October 7

Mann - October 8



Cherry Hill East Ranked 85th out of 500 High Schools by Newsweek

The Cherry Hill School District, long known nationwide for excellence, is thrilled with the recognition from Newsweek magazine designating Cherry Hill East as 85th among the top 500 U.S. high schools! [You may read the Newsweek article by clicking here.](#)

In a related article explaining the magazine's methodology in determining their rankings, Newsweek explains that it evaluated schools using a



Add a Library Card to Your Must-have School Supply List

Dr. Meloche stopped by the the Cherry Hill Public Library on September 1 to help kick off Library Card Sign-up Month with Mayor Chuck Cahn, pictured above at left, and CHPL Director Laverne Mann, center. The no-cost resources available when you have a library card are amazing, from books to computer use to innovative educational programming.

Consider library cards for your family as a must-have



School Closure Reminders

September is a month of multiple school closure dates in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. Please make note of the following dates on which all schools are closed:

Monday, Sept. 7

Monday, Sept. 14

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Holiday child care is available through the School Age Child Care

"broad range of criteria in order to identify schools that excel at preparing students for college." You may read this article, ["Methodology of Newsweek's High School Rankings 2015," by clicking here.](#)

The magazine also offers a related [Frequently Asked Questions article about the rankings.](#)

school supply! During the month of September, all new Cherry Hill Public Library members will receive a special welcome packet – filled with everything needed to make the most of what CHPL has to offer.

If you are already a member, be sure to stop by to experience the continually evolving services in the Heart of Town.

(SACC) program on September 14, 15 and 23.

Your family does not need to be enrolled in SACC to be a part of Holiday SACC. The program is open from 7 am to 6 pm for grades K-5 and is held at the Cooper Elementary School. Please register at least 5 days prior to each program date. You may sign up on the District web site under the ["School Age Child Care and STEP" department link](#) or by calling 856-429-6564 ext. 2.

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