

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



# CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 8, 2017

# CHPS Makes the AP Honor Roll!

As any student who has made the school Honor Roll knows, the achievement takes hard work. **WE** are pleased to have achieved Advanced Placement Honor Roll status again this year.

As a parent, I know the thrill of having a child achieve a place on the Honor Roll. This achievement is always something to be celebrated! When I was principal at Carusi Middle School and later at Cherry Hill High School West, congratulating students who made the honor roll was very important to me when I sent letters home and when I spoke to the children at school and the parents at events. At the high school level, I sent a letter home to West's Honor Roll students' parents, thanking them for their support and giving them a certificate to hand in for a "Proud Parent" bumper sticker, as Dr. Morton does now as well. The principals over the years at Cherry Hill High School East have done this, too, as highly visible way to celebrate the many students who have achieved great levels of academic success. You can imagine my delight this week when I learned that our district has been named to the 8th Annual AP (Advanced Placement) District Honor Roll! This is the second time in the past few years that the Cherry Hill Public Schools has earned this distinction.

AP classes are college-level classes approved by the College Board that include standardized end-of-the-school-year assessments which, if a student scores well enough, can translate to college credits. Our AP Honor Roll status is the result of the focus and collaboration of our district administrators, our high school principals, and most importantly the teachers and their students. In order to be named to the AP Honor Roll, districts must:

- Increase participation and access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts (such as Cherry Hill), at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Cherry Hill High School East Production

*It's a Wonderful Life*

Dec 8 & 9 @ 7:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School  
East

### Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent

Dec 11

7-8:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School  
West Media Center  
2101 Chapel Ave.

### 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

### 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

percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring three or higher on at least one AP Exam; and

- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2017 percentage of students scoring a three or higher to the 2015 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students earn a three or higher.

Not only have we increased students' accessibility to our AP classes and testing, but we continue to add new courses, including AP Research and AP Computer Science Principles, to our curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year, bringing our total number of AP courses offered to 23. AP Research allows students to work with an expert adviser to design, plan and conduct a year-long research-based investigation to address a research question of interest to them. I'm thrilled by the opportunities for discovery and higher thinking that this class will offer!

We believe in helping all of our students who are able and motivated to take the AP courses to which they are suited. As with all aspects of the Cherry Hill Schools, we continually work to improve so that we are best serving our students. As our mission statement says: We shall provide all children with an education that develops open-minded thinkers with the strong academic and interpersonal skills to thrive in an ever-changing world and make it a better place for all. Our commitment to excellence in AP offerings is just one part of that mission.

Please stay engaged in what's happening around CHPS 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.

My next "Coffee and Conversation" meeting, to discuss our long range strategic plan and the upcoming bond referendum on October 2, 2018, is Monday, December 11, from 7-8:30 pm at Cherry Hill High School West. 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](#).

If you haven't seen Cherry Hill High School East's production of *It's a Wonderful Life*, I highly recommend you go see it before it closes this weekend. I thoroughly enjoyed the production last Friday evening! The final two shows are tonight, December 8, and tomorrow night, December 9, both at 7:30 pm. This classic show is a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

As you are out and about this weekend, I hope you'll remember to share a smile and a kind word with those around you. Although this is a joyful season for many of us, it can be difficult for those who are struggling. Reaching out with kindness can be a great gift this time of year, and the gift of a smile is the least expensive of all.

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Dr. Meloche Named "Leader to Learn From" by Education Week

Education Week has selected Cherry Hill Public Schools Superintendent Dr.



Winter Weather May Affect Weekend Activities in CHPS

A predicted snow fall, likely beginning early Saturday morning and continuing



Rowan Cross Country and Track Team Members Run with Stockton Elementary Students

Joseph Meloche to be profiled in the upcoming 2018 edition of Leaders To Learn From, the magazine's annual special report that spotlights innovative school district leaders around the nation.

A full profile highlighting Dr. Meloche's outstanding contributions to the Cherry Hill Public Schools and its students will appear in the report, which will be published on [edweek.org](http://edweek.org) and included in Education Week's print edition on February 21. Dr. Meloche was selected by Education Week editors from a pool of hundreds of nominees from readers, staff reporters and other education writers, state school administrator groups, and experts in the K-12 field.

"I am incredibly honored by this recognition," said Dr. Meloche. "Success in education is dependent on the support of one's staff and the larger community. Throughout my career in the Cherry Hill Schools, I have been fortunate to have that support to implement new ideas and to see them carried out with enthusiasm dedicated to individual student success. I hope our successes in the Cherry Hill Schools will inspire others, and I look forward to continuing to find new inspiration and innovation from the voices of our children, in the years to come."

As part of this recognition, Dr. Meloche will be honored at a special Leaders To Learn From event on April 10-12, 2018, in Washington, D.C., where district leaders and educators from across the country will celebrate and learn from Dr. Meloche's success.

Education Week—founded in 1981 and published by

throughout the day, may affect certain activities scheduled to take place in CHPS buildings on Saturday, December 9.

Organizers of the various sports events, clubs and classes have been notified that their activities may be canceled, and will be contacted in the event this is necessary.

Notices regarding the cancellation of Saturday activities will be posted on the District and school web sites, on social media, and on local television stations and CHPS TV.

Members of the Rowan University Cross Country and Track Teams visited Richard Stockton Elementary School on December 8 at recess to teach the students practice drills, as picture above, and the value of exercise and commitment to a team.

The visit was an expansion of the school's "Jaguar Jog" recess program. Students can run/walk on a quarter mile marked on the grounds behind the school. For each lap, students get a plastic foot charm that they may attach on a bracelet. The program has been a great success, especially with the younger grades. The Stockton PTA sponsors the Jaguar Jog and purchased the charms as well as wrist bands for the runners.

The Rowan athletes, ranked first in the nation, not only ran drills with the students, they talked to them about sportsmanship, conditioning and team work.

Editorial Projects in Education, a nonprofit corporation based in Bethesda, Maryland—is an independent provider of news, information, and analysis in K-12 education. Leaders To Learn From 2018 will mark the sixth year for this special report and recognition.

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