

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending August 31, 2018

Ready, Set, Time for School!

WE eagerly await the arrival of our students for the start of the school year, September 5, 2018!

As we all wrap up summer break this Labor Day Weekend, I want to extend a welcome to all of our new families and a welcome back to those returning for what promises to be a wonderful year in the Cherry Hill Public Schools! The beautiful tapestry that is our community is enriched each year as we become more diverse and work to be more inclusive to all.

As many of our students become familiar with their new schools, I would like to offer the following suggestions for parents as the new school year approaches:

- Please see the "Upcoming Events" column at right for Board of Education meeting dates, first-day-of-school information, and school closure dates. Please note that new this year, our BOE Committee meeting locations will rotate among our schools. Each location is included with the meeting date and time. It is always good to have folks attend district meetings and events.
- High school students' schedules were mailed on August 10. Packets including middle school students' placements were mailed last week, August 24, as were packets including elementary students' assigned teachers
- Please complete the important 2018-2019 "paperwork" for your child or children by

UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

September 4 @ 6 pm
Clara Barton Elementary School
Media Center
223 Rhode Island Ave.

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

September 4 @ 7 pm
Clara Barton Elementary School
Media Center
223 Rhode Island Ave.

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

September 5 @ 6 pm
Cooper Elementary School
Media Center
1960 Greentree Road

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

September 5 @ 7 pm
Cooper Elementary School
Media Center
1960 Greentree Road

First Day of School

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
ALL STUDENTS REPORT

September 14 via the [Parents portal](#) on the District web site or your school's web site to ensure all student information is up-to-date. The portal includes full, step-by-step instructions for this process, with links applicable to your child's or children's grade level(s). Families unable to complete this process online may pick up paper forms at the main office of their school(s). If you have any questions, please contact the main office of your child's school.

- For your planning purposes, all Back to School Night dates and times are now posted on the [District Events Calendar](#). Be sure to check your school's web site for other events specific to that building.
- If you haven't already, download our helpful District App (it's free!) linked at the bottom of the [District web site home page](#), and be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for regular installments of our "Minute with Dr. Meloche" videos, as well as posts about the very latest happenings around the District.

The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 5, 2018. **This is an early dismissal day for elementary students only.** Elementary students will be dismissed at 1 pm on September 5.

Our annual New Staff Orientation took place this week. We are bringing in one of the most diverse groups of new employees into our district in many years. We have hired new staff members who are bilingual and multilingual, folks who speak Arabic, Spanish, French, German, Bulgarian, Korean, Chinese and Hindi to name a few of the languages. Meeting with the new staff members is always invigorating. **WE** are continuing to channel their energy into our final preparations for the opening of school!

I wish you a wonderful last weekend of August! Take some quiet time to set goals for the school year, in academics and in activities and involvement. Be prepared to be successful!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at school!

Regards,

[Joe Meloche](#)

Joe Meloche

High School

Start time: 7:30 am

Dismissal: 2:30 pm

Middle School

Start time: 8 am

Dismissal: 3 pm

Elementary School

Start time: 9 am

Elementary school only will operate on an early dismissal schedule on September 5, dismissing at 1 pm. The regular dismissal time of 3:30 pm resumes September 6.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

September 10 & 11

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September 19

Board of Education Action Meeting

September 25 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace



Johnson Elementary Students Win Library's Summer Reading Competition

Congratulations to the students of James Johnson Elementary School, who won the Cherry Hill Public Library's Summer Reading School Competition. For every 300 minutes that the students read, they got to put a marble in their school's jar. Johnson's students earned 282 marbles. That's 84,483 minutes!

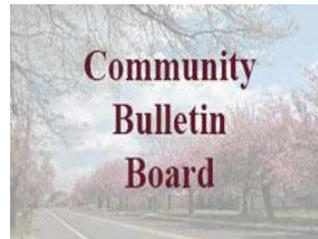
The school will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the Cherry Hill Public Library for the students' accomplishment.



Board of Education Candidate Biographies Now Available

Curious about the 11 candidates running for the three open Board of Education seats in this year's November 6 election? [Biographies of the candidates are now available online.](#)

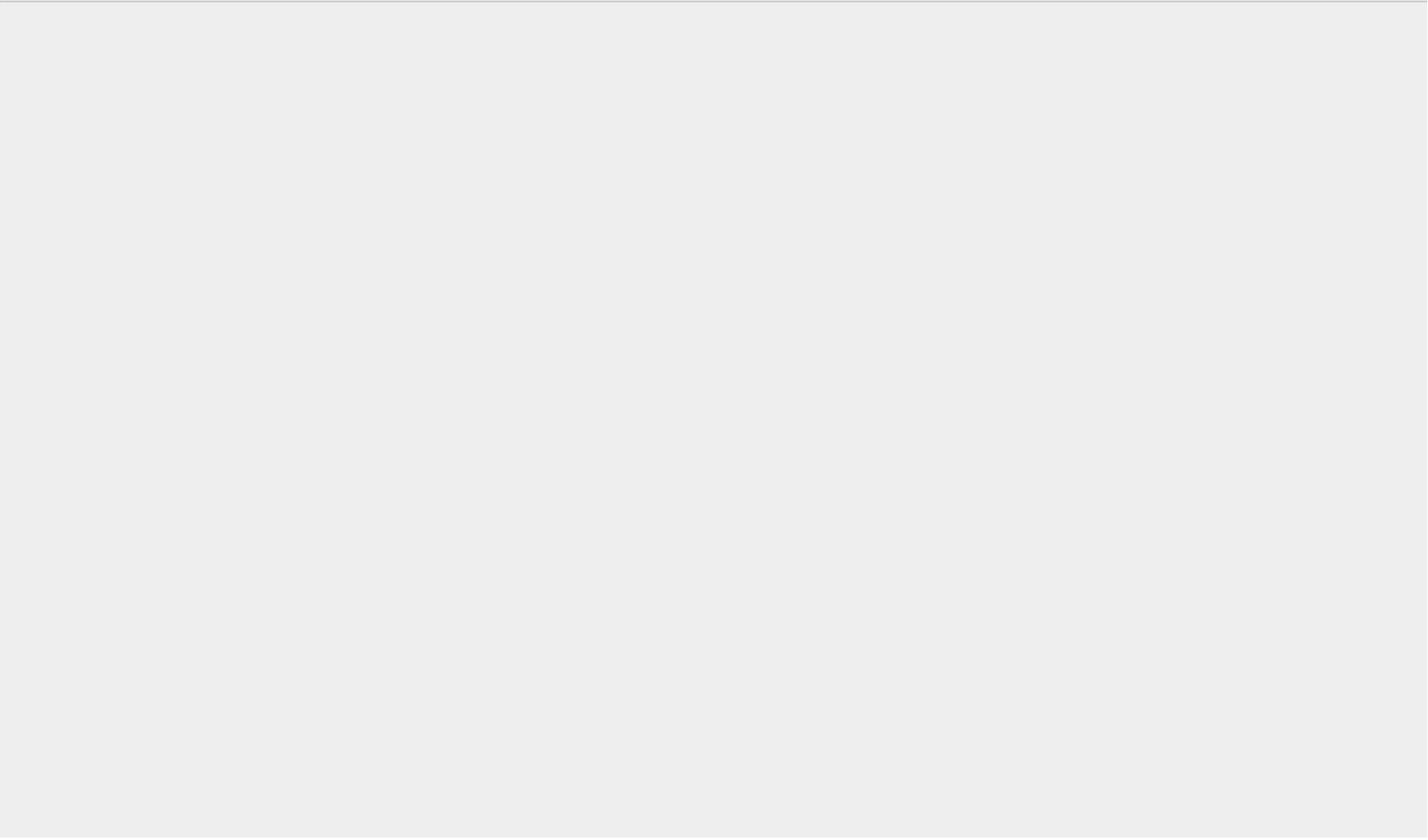
Biographies are published as submitted by the candidates, unedited.



Community Bulletin Board Offers Scouting, Sports & Events Information

Be sure to click the [Community Bulletin Board link](#) at the bottom of the [District web site](#) home page. You'll find information about after school programs, league sports, seminars, community events and other activities around Cherry Hill.

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