

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending November 21, 2018

Giving Thanks

It's been a spirited week in the Cherry Hill Public Schools! **WE** take pride in celebrating old traditions and creating new ones!

It's "Thanksgiving Eve"! What a great week it's been across the District, with our National District of Character celebrations at all of our schools, Spirit Week at both High Schools East and West, and the beginnings of food drives, holiday donation drives and other community service efforts. This week also marked the start of a new CHPS tradition: the Homecoming Breakfast, bringing together the East and West Football teams, Bands and Cheerleaders! All seniors from these groups were honored at the breakfast on Tuesday, November 20, as we celebrated each high school's programs, the friendly rivalry of the Homecoming Football game, and the understanding that **WE** are one community. **WE** are CHPS!

Tonight's game, at 6 pm in the Jonas Morris Stadium, is the 50th Homecoming Game played in CHPS. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. I will be there – wearing one purple and one red sock in support of both teams! I would like to thank the West and East cheerleaders for presenting the socks to me as a gift at the Homecoming Breakfast, pictured above. I look forward seeing everyone at tonight's game!

I encourage you stay connected with the District as we approach the December 11 Special Election for the Bond Referendum, with polls open that day from 3-8 pm and [vote by mail as an option](#). As I have explained previously, bonds are a way for school districts to raise money – which they then must pay back over a period of years – typically to finance building projects or other capital projects. Although we and the administrators, Board of Education members, and concerned citizens of the community before us have vigorously sought the funding we are owed from the state for decades, our lack of state funding has forced us to make tough choices. We have chosen to maintain small classes, important programs and quality staff. What little money has been left, even after using grant funding, has not

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving Break

Conferences for Elementary & Middle School Students

November 26-29
Early Dismissal for Middle
and Elementary School
Students ONLY

Board of Education Action Meeting

November 27 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building
[Agenda available online](#)

Bond 2018 Community Info Session

December 2 from
1:30- 3 pm
Cherry Hill High School
West Media Center
2101 Chapel Ave.

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

December 3 @ 6 pm
Barclay Early Childhood
Center APR
1220 Winston Way

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

December 3 @ 7 pm
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Business & Facilities

been enough to fully cover our needed facilities improvements. We continue to fight to secure our fair share of funding, but even when we finally receive the \$29 million we should annually, our needs will far exceed those funds. I encourage you to visit our [Bond 2018: Building a Solid Future page](#) on the District web site for information about the Bond, including a recently added link to [Bond Referendum project costs at a glance](#), as well as [projects listed by school](#), [frequently asked questions](#), and a [tax impact calculator](#) to estimate the effect of the Bond on your property taxes. The Bond 2018 page is updated regularly, so be sure to check back in the coming weeks for additional information. I also would be happy to speak to any group in the community, no matter how large or small, about the Bond. Please contact my administrative assistant, Janet Cohen, at jacohen@chclc.org to make arrangements.

Please continue to stay informed, not only via this weekly e-newsletter, but by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#). Download the free District App from the App Store or Google Play. Attend our Board meetings listed at right and on the [District Events Calendar](#). Come out to the Bond 2018 Community Meetings, linked from the [Bond 2018 button](#) on the District web site. Please be sure to submit your questions to publicinfo@chclc.org, or via our [Quick Question portal](#). Questions and answers are posted for the public.

I am incredibly thankful for this community, the opportunity to be a part of it and to serve it. Please be sure this weekend to express your thanks to those for whom you are grateful. Take the time to appreciate your surroundings, to watch the sun rise, to bundle up against the cold and appreciate the night sky.

Good luck tonight to our Cougars and our Lions! **WE** can all show one another kindness, even in competition. Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

[Committee Meeting](#)

December 4 @ 6 pm
Henry C. Beck Middle
School Library/Media
Center
950 Cropwell Rd

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

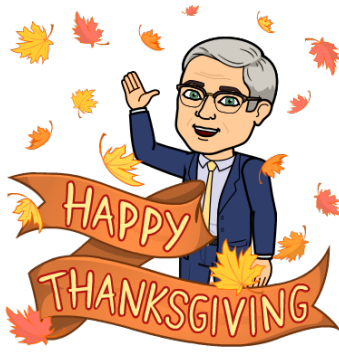
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[Bond 2018 Community Info Session](#)

December 8
from 9:30-11 am
Rosa Middle School
Media Center
485 Browning Lane

[SPECIAL ELECTION: BOND REFERENDUM](#)

December 11 from 3-8 pm
[Cherry Hill Polling Places](#)
or [Vote By Mail](#)



CHPS Holds First Homecoming Breakfast

The members of the West and East Football Teams, Bands and Cheerleading Squads gathered on Tuesday, November 20 at the first annual Homecoming Breakfast to celebrate the upcoming Homecoming Football Game on November 21 and honor the graduating seniors from each group.

Parents of the seniors also attended the breakfast, sponsored by the Cherry Hill Education Association (CHEA). The student leaders of the groups spoke about the hard work and fun that



Vote by Mail Option Available for Special Election

Voters who cannot get to the polls from 3-8 pm for the December 11, 2018 Special Election for the [CHPS Bond Referendum](#) have the option of voting by mail.

[Vote by Mail applications are available online.](#) According to the office of the County Clerk, applications must be received by the County Clerk no later than 7 days before the election, unless you apply in person or via an authorized messenger during County Clerk's office hours, but no later than 3 pm the day prior to the election.



Community Bulletin Board Offers Information on Community Activities and Programs

Be sure to click the [Community Bulletin Board link](#) at the bottom of the District website 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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goes into the fall season.

The coaches, advisers and administrators spoke about the students' commitment and the spirit of community amid competition.

The Homecoming Football Game, with Cherry Hill High School East vs. Cherry Hill High School West, starts at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 21 at Jonas Morris Stadium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

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