

A message from the Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 27, 2019

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Speaking Up, Staying Safe

Student Voice is about the children in our schools being heard – and that extends beyond daily classroom academics.

Busy days make for short days, and it seems every day in September has certainly been busy – suddenly, the month is coming to a close! As we approach a 4-day weekend and the month of October, I would like to offer a reminder to our families about the importance of our collective efforts to follow the “if you see something, say something” credo.

As superintendent, I am passionate about our students being heard – what I refer to as “student voice.” District wide, our staff and administration are dedicated to encouraging our students to share their ideas, concerns and opinions in a respectful way. We are equally dedicated to listening to our students and responding in appropriate, constructive ways to what they are saying as we help to nurture their voices in a respectful and productive manner. This commitment to student voice applies not only to classroom learning, but to social connections, extracurricular activities and our paramount concern: the safety of our students and staff.

Every school year, students at all grade levels come forward with concerns about something they’ve seen, heard or experienced that they believe may compromise their own safety or the safety of others. We remind our students – and hope parents are reminding them as well – that whenever they see or experience something unsettling or concerning, they should immediately report it to a trusted adult. Our staff are trained in how to handle such reports, immediately. Certain concerns may be handled and resolved by staff; others may rise to the level of a report by our Campus Police and some may go directly to the Cherry Hill Police, who then take over the management of information communicated about the incident.

If you ever have a question about an incident or rumor, please contact your building principal first. If you do not receive a satisfactory answer, the next line of communication is Assistant Superintendent/K-12 Dr. Justin Smith at justsmith@chclc.org. If the issue still remains unresolved, please contact me directly at

PSEG Road Work All of September

This will affect certain routes to and from our schools.

[PSEG has released an online statement regarding the roadwork.](#)

Soccer Night

September 28 @ 6:30 pm

West vs. East

Boys & Girls Varsity Soccer
DeCou Fields
Cropwell & Evesham
Roads

SCHOOLS CLOSED

September 30 & October 1

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

October 7 @ 5 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

October 7 @ 6 pm

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Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

October 8 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

October 8 @ 8 pm

Malberg Administration

jmeloche@chclc.org.

To stay best informed about what's happening in the District, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). This week, you'll see the great news about our own Sharp Elementary being named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School and CHPS earning the top prize in the state for our communication on social media (full stories below)! Have a question that would be of interest to the larger community as well? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal. And please, join the PTA and attend their meetings. Follow your child's school, teachers, principals, CHPS and even me ([@MelocheJoe on Twitter](#)) on social media. Watch for emails from your school and the Public Information Office. Download the free District app from Google Play or the App Store – you can even automatically populate your own online calendar with your child's school events from the app! Attend Board of Education meetings or, if you can't attend in person, watch the meeting live stream or the tape of it on our [YouTube channel](#), posted the morning after the meeting.

I wish a Happy Rosh Hashanah to all who celebrate! I will be at the West vs. East Soccer Night this Saturday at 6:30 pm, watching the Boys and Girls Varsity teams play at the DeCou Fields on Cropwell Road! I hope to see you there! I also hope you will be able to reconnect with family and loved ones this long weekend – share some laughs, some smiles and some kindness. **WE** will see you on October 2!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

*"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all.
They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones*

Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 9

Board of Education Candidates Forum

October 10 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Volley for Support

October 11 @ 5:30 pm
Cherry Hill High School
East, 1750 Kresson Rd.
Benefits the Cherry Hill
Food Pantry

Board of Education Action Meeting

October 15, 2019 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace





Sharp Elementary Named 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School for being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2019 by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award, this year awarded to 362 schools nationwide, affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School," said Sharp Elementary Principal Mr. Ric Miscioscia. "This speaks to the tremendous talent and commitment of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support from our Sharp families."

Sharp will hold a school-wide celebration in the coming weeks. On November 14 and 15, Secretary DeVos and the Department of Education will celebrate with the 312 public and 50 non-public school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.



CHPS Wins First Place Award in NJ School Public Relations Association Competition

The Cherry Hill Public Schools earned a First Place award at the New Jersey Public Relations Association's School Communications Awards on September 26, 2019 in the category of Social Media.

The 2019 contest was the most competitive on record with 64 submissions from 34 different school districts. The submissions were judged by a panel of 11 judges including professors from Rowan University and other industry experts across the country. Awards were given out in eight categories: Marketing, Branding, Image; Newsletter; Media Relations-Human Interest; Photography; Social Media; Special Interest Publication; Video; and Website.

CHPS's entry, under the direction of Public Information Officer Barbara Wilson, was the "Minute with Dr. Meloche" franchise posted regularly on the

Free and Reduced Price Lunch Applications Available; Families Already Receiving Benefits Must Reapply by October 15

Applications for the 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program are available at www.payschoolscentral.com

PaySchools Central is a secure payment system that simplifies school payments in an easy-to-use online portal. It enable parents to fund lunch accounts and pay required and optional fees quickly and easily. [More information about PaySchools Central is available online.](#) Also available is [a step-by-step guide to signing up for PaySchools Central.](#) Note that an application must be submitted **each year.**

Families already receiving Free and Reduced Price Lunch benefits must reapply by October 15. If an application is not submitted by October 15th and your child currently receives benefits, your child's status will change to full pay breakfast and lunch.

District Instagram, Twitter and Facebook feeds. The Minute titled ["Time to celebrate...and for more than one reason!"](#) posted on June 21, 2019, was entered in the contest as representative of the franchise.

WE are thrilled and honored to have received this recognition!



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