

CENTRAL JERSEY COLLEGE PREP

CHARTER SCHOOL



A 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

DR. NAMIK SERCAN CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

Dear Students and Parents,

A few days ago, we received a great news from the U.S. Department of Education. The previous principal of CJCP Mr. Tarkan Topcuoglu was selected to receive the 2016 Tercel H. Bell Award. Mr. Topcuoglu is one of only eight principals from the 2016 Blue Ribbon cohort who received this high level of recognition. "The Bell Award recognizes principals who are transformational leaders. They inspire greatness in their students, in their teachers, and in their communities," U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King said. Congratulations Mr. Topcuoglu!



We launched our new website. While there is still so much of content to update on our website, we have made substantial progress. The effort of improvement of our website will continue for the next few weeks. Please keep checking our website to stay tuned with us and give us your feedback. Along with the new website, we also changed our school logo. Many staff members and professionals collaboratively worked on the new logo so that it reflects our school mission and vision. The new logo symbolizes scholarship and readiness for colleges and beyond. In conjunction, starting next school year, school uniforms will have the new logo on them. However, students will be allowed to wear their current uniforms until they finish their current school level. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Have a successful new week!

Dr. Namik Sercan
CEO

IMPORTANT DATES

10/24 -Franklin Twp. Boe Meeting, 6:30pm

10/26- Early Dismissal

10/27 -Parent HIB Training, 6-7 pm

10/27 -CJCP Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm

10/28 -Halloween Dance, 7-10 pm.

10/28 -Seton Hall College Visit

10/31 -Trunk or Treat Parade, K-2nd grade

10/31 -Early Dismissal

11/09 -Parent meeting; Financial Readiness
for Colleges, 6:30pm

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LUNCH

A good lunch benefits a student by giving them the energy to remain alert during class time. As long as the student avoids a heavy midday meal, which can cause lethargy and sleepiness, a healthy lunch helps maintain peak academic performance. Make lunch even more beneficial by choosing foods based on their nutritional benefits. Lunch is an important element of a student's day; however, we are seeing that students are not eating their lunch and instead socializing. During lunch, staff on duty does encourage students to eat; we are unable to force any child to eat. Please help us by encouraging your child to eat their lunch during school. If you are seeing that your child is still not eating, you could even begin an incentive at home which may help improve your child to have better eating habits during lunch time.

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FIELD TRIP

Students visited Von Thun Farm on last Friday on October 21. They all enjoyed seeing animals, going on a hay ride, picking pumpkins and walking through a corn maze. This was related to the season and kids learned about apples and pumpkins and the current fall season.



Ms. Fisher's class; students are showing their very own pumpkins.

KINDERGARTEN



The Kindergarteners will be enjoying Halloween activities, a Halloween parade, and a classroom party on Monday! During the week, they will be learning about the letters I and J and will continue talking about how to make predictions with fiction and non-fiction books. They will begin writing a personal narrative and will finish up learning about the numbers up to 10.

Third Week of October Cougar Winners



Kindergarten: Isabella Ramirez
1st grade: Aarav Shah
2nd grade: Seymanur Sabahoglu



SCIENCE

Understanding Chemical Reactions with Elephant Toothpaste



Teachers @ CJCP make the learning fun!

"7th grade science class students observed a catalyst in action as an enormous amount of soapy foam eruption. Students identified the indicators, reactants, and products of a chemical reaction by doing this Elephant Toothpaste demonstration. The foam was simply water, oxygen gas, and soap. Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) used in this demonstration naturally breaks down into water and oxygen. It is stored in opaque containers to help slow down this process. Catalase (potassium iodide) speeded up the reaction. Dish soap caught the oxygen and made bigger bubbles and the food coloring makes it look cool. The foam and bottle felt warm because the reaction was exothermic--it releases energy as heat." Yucel Aydos



Mercy College On-site Visit & Instant Decision Day on Oct 21:

An admissions representative spoke with seniors about programming and financial aid opportunities at Mercy. He then met with individual students who scheduled an appointment to conduct an admission interview. Here is the list of students who got instant acceptance from Mercy;

Dasher McMillan, Matheus Works, Janai Thompson, Christa Nelson, K'janei Bates, Nasir Sookhram, Kenny Perelta, Bianca Hooper, Deena Davis, Chinor Lee, Bera Ozer.

ROBOTICS



Last weekend our robotics team #609, Cougars went to FTC Practice day. Our students and coaches, Idris Tuna & Yucel Aydos attended to the meetings about how to design robot and programming essentials. The teams had an info session and three different classes: two Robot Programming class and a Field class. We wish our Cougars success to earn their way to the State Championship.



National Honor Society - NHS

Food Drive to Franklin Food Bank

Dates: Oct 17- Nov 18

How much to donate-

6 cans or box goods equal one Dress Down





Upcoming Dates:

10/27 Parent HIB training: Parents who want to volunteer at events and activities are now required to attend a workshop on bullying prevention. The workshop will be given by the counselors and all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

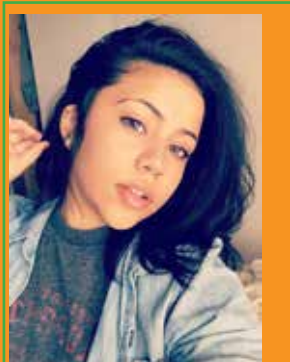
10/29 Seton Hall College Visit: An admission representative from Seton Hall will be here to discuss programs at Seton Hall, financial aid opportunities, and application process.

College Entrance Exams

As testing season is in full swing, it's important to understand the different types of college entrance exams and which ones your students should be taking throughout the course of high school. Here is a breakdown of the different tests. Students and parents should review the admission criterion for colleges of interest during their junior year to ensure that they are meeting the basic testing requirements. Please find general testing information for each entrance exam below.

Test	PSAT	SAT	SAT Subject Test	ACT
Content areas covered	Math Reading Writing	Math Reading Writing	The following subjects have tests: Math, English, World Languages, Social Studies and Science	Math Reading Writing Science
Test dates	Once a year in October (during school day)	About once a month on Saturdays	About once a month (can take up to three tests in one test day) on Saturdays	6 times a year on Saturdays
Scoring	320-1520	400-1600	200-800	1-36
Benefits	* Practice for the SAT * Qualifier for National Merit Scholarship Program	* Shows comprehensive skills to prospective colleges * Can qualify for merit based scholarships	* Highlights skills in particular subject areas * Can add to a college application if the score is high	* Shows comprehensive skills to prospective colleges * Has a science component for students who excel in sciences * Math content knowledge is more manageable for some students
Who should plan to take	All students 8-11 each year	Students looking to attend 4 year colleges	Students looking to attend competitive 4 year colleges	Students looking to attend 4 year colleges
When to plan to take	Each October 8-11 grades	Spring of 11 th grade Fall of 12 th grade	Spring of year completing matching course	Spring of 11 th grade Fall of 12 th grade

CJCP ALUMNI CORNER



Name

Chantal Herrera

Current School

I am currently a freshman at Rutgers-Newark. I am currently studying Biology but I plan on studying Exercise Science with a focus in Kinesiology.

What three adjective best describe you?

Creative, Dedicated, and Warmhearted.

What activities do you find most rewarding?

Most of the activities I find amusing involving being around people and learning about experience they have been though. A good place to learn these stories and life paths is anything to do with art. Art is a form of expression that lives within me so seeing others also express themselves through any mean of art is a learning experience for me. From open mic night listening to a poem or song to even going to a dance event and see people battle each other through body movement. I find these activities rewarding for the heart, mind, and soul. Expressing yourself is something I advise everyone to do, and my mean of expression is any form of art but mostly singing.

Did you feel like you/your parents made a good decision on sending you to CJCP?

I honestly do believe that my parents made a great decision sending me to CJCP it was a focused environment. My experience was not limited at all because I even played sports for my home town where I participated as a cheerleader, volleyball player, and then went on to intern/shadow as an Athletic Trainer. CJCP taught me how to manage school and outside of school activities effectively. It provided a small focused community for education.

How do you feel about your High School?

My High School is one of a kind. I made some friendships I know will last a lifetime, and have gone through experiences there that have molded me to the person I am today. CJCP helped minimize that gap that students experience when they first enter college. So I feel a close connection to my High School.

Did you get any help regarding your college applications or on decision process?

I did in fact receive help regarding my college application and decision process. Ms. Mosconi was there every time I was panicking to every time I felt I had overcome a milestone. Till this day I am thankful she was my guidance counselor.

Please share: If there was any subject you had a hard time learning, but you you've overcome your weakness with help from CJCP?

I had a difficult time with math when I first arrived at CJCP I was very shy with communicating my understanding. Ms. Tingire helped me a lot with my mathematical confidence and guided me whenever I felt like I was lost. She is such an amazing teacher.

What does your high school do well?

My High School was good at being mainly academic.

What elements make a great teacher for you?

A teacher that caring, and relates the topics to modern day society so that it is more understanding. A teacher that is enthusiastic to teach and is consistent with their passion.

Fun memory

My most memorable moments were shared with my family. Jayden, Imani, and Boka. They made my high school experience amazing and till this day we still talk all the time.



Dear parents and students, we would love to feature our alumna here in this page in our weekly newsletter. So please forward our invitation to CJCP graduates that you know. Contact e-mail: acebe@collegeprep.org



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Halloween Activities PERMISSION SLIP & CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

Certified Trip Supervisor: Classroom teacher e-mail: _____
Field Trip Name: Halloween Trunk or Treat Parade : Class party
Address: 17 Schoolhouse Road _____ City Somerset __ State _NJ__ Zip _08873__

Date 10/31/16

Time: 11:00 AM -- 1:00 PM

Student should bring: Students should come to school dressed in their costume; bring a bag to collect candy. No masks or weapons.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name _____ Grade/Section: _____

Student's Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

My son/daughter named above has my permission to attend this event. YES NO

I would like to volunteer for Trunk or Treat. Yes No

Parents may come to watch the parade even if they are not volunteering.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

Please note any restrictions or medical information, including allergies, in case medical treatment is needed:

I understand that participation in this field trip is voluntary, that it is not required, and that it exposes my child to some risk(s). I have read and understand the description of the field trip and authorize my child to participate in the planned components of the field trip. We understand that adequate and appropriate supervision will be provided. I also understand that participation in the field trip will involve activities off school property. I agree to release and hold harmless the CJCP Board of Trustees, its employees and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, suits, demands, judgments, costs, interest and expense (including attorney fees and costs) arising from, or related to, such activities and/or any related activities, including any accident or injury to the student and the costs of medical services. In the event of an injury requiring medical attention, I hereby grant permission to the supervising teacher(s) or staff (including volunteers) to attend to, and provide medical treatment for, my child. In case of a serious emergency and I cannot be located, I hereby give my permission to the supervising staff to take my child to the hospital. This release shall bind myself and my successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the CJCP Board of Trustees.

(Name and signature of parent / guardian) Date: / / 20

I agree to comply with all CJCP rules and regulations while on the field trip. I understand that a CJCP employee may remove me from the field trip at any time for any or no reason, including but not limited to, my failure to comply with the CJCP rules and regulations.

(Name and signature of student) Date: / / 20

THIS FORM SHOULD BE KEPT BY THE SUPERVISOR DURING THE ACTIVITY