



Cherry Hill High School West

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Dear 8th Grade Parent or Guardian:

On **Wednesday, January 24th at 7PM (Snow date is January 25th)**, Cherry Hill High School West, will host your student at its 8th grade visitation. I, along with the faculty and staff of West, are excited to present to your family all of the aspects of our “home” that make us great. For a preview, I would like to introduce you to a few of the highlights at West that set us apart.

- Our students excel academically and regularly matriculate to some of the finest institutions in the country including Harvard University, Brown University, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania and others.
- We have a partnership with Penn Hospital and Jefferson Hospitals, Environmental Resolutions and other area businesses that allows students to attend classes at West and work with professionals as seniors.
- We have a broadcasting studio where students create videos for the Cherry Hill Police Department, the Cherry Hill library, and other organizations in the community.
- Our award winning performing arts program continues to produce productions that are professional and that receive recognition throughout the Cherry Hill area. We have graduates who perform with artists like Sting, who work on Tony-winning productions on Broadway and who work on current television shows both as actors and writers.
- Our culinary students have been recognized by the South Jersey Chamber of Commerce at its *Taste of South Jersey* as some of the best in the region competing with professional chefs from places like Seasons 52, Bruchaholics, and other area restaurants.
- West Athletic teams compete in the Olympic Conference and are among the best in the South Jersey area. Boys and Girls Soccer won Sectional titles in 2022. The West Field Hockey Head Coach was recognized as the 2023 SJ Field Hockey Coach of the Year. As recently as 2019, West Baseball won the SJ Group 3 Championship and were ranked the #1 HS baseball team in NJ (nj.com). In 2019 the Boys Basketball team was the SJ Group 3 Runner-up. Both the Boys and Girls Swim Teams were 2021 Conference Champions! Girls Lacrosse has won the Olympic Conference 5 years in a row! West Girls Lacrosse Coach was recognized as the USA Lacrosse Regional Coach of the Year in 2022. In addressing the needs of our students, West has started several new sports programs, including Girls Wrestling which

had a state Champions in the State of NJ, Girls Golf, and Esports in the fall and spring! The 2022 Esports team qualified for the EGF National Championship and placed 8th in the country. Last year, we had almost 30 students go on to play college sports at the Division 1, Division 2, & Division 3 Levels.


· West has a vibrant Air Force JROTC program that has been in continual operations since 1978. The program is a citizen and character-building program that prepares students to be contributing members of their community no matter what life path they choose. The program achieves this goal by adhering to Air Force regulations, customs, and courtesies that together lead to developing successful students. The JROTC program is an elective course with classroom instruction on Aerospace Science, Leadership Education, and Health and Wellness. There are numerous after school and community service activities available such as model rocket building, Color Guard, and community service appearances. The program's instructors are NJ certificated high school teachers who are retired from military service.

- Marching Band has won 1st place at the Festival of Bands and were Region 1 Champions for a second year in a row with the highest score for percussion and music. To end the season, the marching band came in third in the state championships at Toms River East High School.

These are just a few of the programs that we will introduce to you at our open house. In order to make the most of your visit, I would recommend that you and your student make a list of all the activity advisors or coaches that you would like to gather information from on that evening – they will all be available in the Walsh Gym to meet you and answer your questions. In addition, all of our academic departments will be set up in the cafeteria to also answer your questions and to review with you the scope and sequence of the course selections at West; there will also be faculty members representing some of the great elective courses that we offer. Student Government representatives will be in the Main Office to escort you on tours of the building. Please take full advantage of all of these opportunities to see why we all love being a part of the West community.

In addition to the program on January 24th, we have also set up three days for students to shadow at West – January 24th, February 1st and February 8th from 7:30AM – 11:15am. Please contact Ms. Beth Coffey at Bcoffey@chclc.org or at extension 1224 to arrange for your student to participate in this great opportunity to experience West. You can also sign up for shadow days by filling this [Google Form](#). I look forward to sharing our Lion's Pride with you and your students at one of these events.

Sincerely,



Dr. John Burns

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