



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

### Message from Chris

Dear Friends,

This has been a monumental year for Newark Public Schools. Student scores are improving, graduation rates have increased and the return of NPS to local control has begun, with community engagement as a hallmark of the process currently underway. I want to take this time to thank the parents, who have entrusted their children to us every day to provide to them a quality education and a commitment to provide a good foundation for success.

I want to also thank the students for being engaged and excited about learning. And to our administrators and teachers, every day you are on the front line of ensuring our students receive the very best in education. Each of us plays an integral role in nurturing, educating and mentoring students - let our collective commitment in 2018 be to continue to do our very best for Newark Public School students to ensure their academic success.

Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays!



Superintendent Christopher Cerf

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

### Best of the Best

Superintendent Cerf and Chief Academic Officer Brad Haggerty recently honored principals, administrators and teachers whose students and schools have excelled academically in 2017. The Academic Achievement Awards featured schools who have excelled in ELA and Math. Congratulations to the following schools and administrators who were honored for receiving high and most improved academic scores in ELA, Math: Camden Street, Technology, Peshine, Lafayette, Branch Brook, Harriet Tubman, Sussex Avenue Renew, Science Park, Park Elementary and Oliver Street. Three schools earned high honors: Science Park, Park Elementary and Sussex Avenue.



As of **January 2, 2018** the NPS Central Office address is **765 Broad Street**  
For more info: <http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/move/>

## EMPOWERING GIRLS

# NEWARK GIRL POWER

More than 300 girls from NPS high schools rocked NJIT at the first Newark Girls Rock event on December 14. Dr. Kelly Williams, Special Assistant, who created the event said, "The summit was designed to be an empowering career day for NPS girls." The day included breakout sessions on career paths, beauty, safety, college prep, and more. Special thanks to participants NJIT President Dr. Joel Bloom and Asst. Supt. Angelica Allen McMillan for participating in the opening panel.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/19 Oliver St. Holiday Concert
- 12/19 Ann St. Polar Express
- 12/19 Special Needs Poetry in Motion Event
- 12/20 Hawkins Holiday Concert
- 12/21 Ann Street Staff Chorus Concert
- 12/21 SEPAC Meeting
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/16 NPS Board of Education Business Meeting
- 1/23 NPS Board of Education Regular (Public) Meeting



For more dates and details visit: <http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/district-calendar/>



## MY VERY OWN LIBRARY KICKS OFF! N.I.C.E.



The season of giving rings true for NPS students! The 2017 program kicked off at Roberto Clemente School with Senator Teresa Ruiz and Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Yolanda Mendez and Assistant Superintendent Roger Leon. In all, 31 schools are participating and hosting 93 Scholastic book fairs, with 31 author visits, with 20,000 NPS students selecting 3 books each on December 12, February 21 and June 7. By June when the program ends, 20,000 students will receive 10 books, totaling 200,000 books given to NPS students through the MVOL program.

Featured in the photos are: Roberto Clemente School, Chancellor Avenue School, Speedway Academies and Mount Vernon School!



### Newark Institute for Culinary Education

The NPS Newark Institute of Culinary Education (NICE), headed by Dr. Wanda Brooks-Long, exhibited their culinary delights in a special dinner for the Newark Public Schools Board of Education meeting. NICE was started in 2016 with a goal of providing students with industry valued credentials as part of the career and technical education pathway for NPS students.

### SPORTS



### Shabazz Wins!

On December 2, Shabazz beat Weequahic for the North Jersey Section 2 Group 1 championship.



### ENROLLMENT FAIR



More than 1,000 people attended the 2017 Enrollment Fair

## Season's Greetings

### FROM THE BOARD

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NEXT PUBLIC MEETING  
JAN 23, 2018

