



Charter School of Educational Excellence

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A Note from the Principal



September 12, 2011

Dear CSEE Parents & Guardians:

This is to update you on staffing changes at CSEE for 2011-2012. I informed you about the changes to our business office personnel in a letter mailed to parents in August 2011. Since then there are more changes to report. I am sorry to inform you that Mrs. Gloria Smith resigned as Assistant Principal due to personal reasons and will not be returning to CSEE. We wish Mrs. Smith good luck in her professional endeavors and thank her for her service to the CSEE school community.

On a brighter note, excitement is building as we await the opening of our new middle school. Although our students in Grades 5-8 will attend classes temporarily at St. Bartholomew, we are eager not to extend their stay there so that we may accommodate them as quickly as possible in their new and beautiful middle school.

I encourage parents to attend September's board meeting on **Monday, September 19, 2011** where the board will participate in discussions about the new building and the expected timeline for the TCO. Board meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR at CSEE every third Monday of every month. I have attached a copy of the 2011-2012 Board meetings and PTO meetings calendars for your information and records. Please make every effort to attend monthly board and PTO meetings to stay abreast of what is happening in your child's school.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce you to CSEE's new and returning staff for 2011-2012.

SCHOOL'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr. Robert Foley, Director of Operations & Finance (***NEW** to CSEE)
Mrs. Cindy Lopez, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Katie Kessler, Executive Administrative Assistant (***NEW** to CSEE)

OPERATIONS TEAM

Ms. Cynthia Cameron, Data, Assessment, and Compliance Coordinator
Ms. Abigail Rivera, Business Assistant
Ms. Schnelle Thomas, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Mayra Bautista, Receptionist

KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Ms. Maria Falco
Ms. Meiling Villalobos (***NEW** to CSEE)
Mrs. Dana Marden (former first grade teacher)
Faryn Goidel, TA (***NEW** to CSEE)
Kathleen Morley, TA

FIRST GRADE TEAM

Ms. Lauren Munson (former Kindergarten teacher)

Ms. Danielle DeMasi (former second grade teacher)
Ms. Jessica Pisto (former 3rd grade teacher assistant)
Ms. Cristina Westphal (***NEW** to CSEE)
Ms. Lisa Jasilli, TA
Ms. Tasha Jacobs, TA

SECOND GRADE TEAM

Ms. Sandra Welker (former Kindergarten teacher assistant)
Ms. Shannon Whalen (former first grade teacher)
Ms. Kizzy Peltier
Mrs. Kimberly Aleman, TA
Ms. Valerie Parker, TA
Mrs. Tasheena Salmon, TA (formerly known as Ms. Roberts)

THIRD GRADE TEAM

Ms. Sara Kuntz
Ms. Megan Delo (***NEW** to CSEE)
Ms. Kimberly Wilson (former Title I teacher assistant)
Mr. Daniel Uzzo, TA (***NEW** to CSEE)

FOURTH GRADE TEAM

Ms. Janet Joy (former 4th grade teacher assistant)
 Mr. David Brooks
 Ms. Kate Rossi-Sooy (former 3rd grade teacher assistant)
 Nicholas Pickel, TA (*NEW to CSEE)

FIFTH GRADE TEAM

Ms. Meagan Boyle (former third grade teacher)
 Ms. Jessica Martinez (former third grade teacher)
 Ms. Emily Yedowitz
 Mr. Philip Vassari, TA

SIXTH GRADE TEAM

Ms. Margaret O'Donnell
 Ms. Andriana Lacarbonara
 Mr. Paul Lopez, TA (*NEW to CSEE)
 Mr. William Welker, TA
**Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Lacarbonara will also be teaching middle school science*

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM (GRADES 7-8)

Mr. Dwain Palmer (Math)
 Ms. Francesca Muraca (*NEW ELA)
 Ms. Kristen McGrail (New-Social Studies/Core Knowledge)
 Mr. Robert Richardson, TA (*NEW to CSEE)
 Ms. Pattria Parris, TA

OUR SPECIALISTS

Mrs. Debra Gayton, Art
 Ms. Bethanie Keem (*NEW Music)
 Mr. Michael DeSimone (*NEW Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Safety)

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION TEAM

Ms. Stephanie Smith (Special Education Coordinator)
 Ms. Jennifer Spina (Title I Coordinator)
 Ms. Lindsey Jackson (Special Education TA)
 Ms. Lillian Rasulo (*NEW Title I TA)
 Ms. Krystal Lepore (Title I TA)

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING TEAM

Dr. Emma Duran, Psychologist (*NEW School Psychologist)
 Ms. Kacie Earle, Social Worker

CONSULTANT'S TEAM

Mrs. Mary Cordero, Director of Academics
 Dr. Alice Siegel, ELA
 Mr. Richard Trauner, Spec. Education
 Dr. Kate Hathaway (Early Childhood Literacy)
 Mr. Gary Bergman, PowerSchool

HEALTH & WELLNESS TEAM

Ms. Lois Silverman (from YPS)

SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Mrs. Adelaida Ortiz, Food Service School Aide
 Ms. Noemi Hernandez, School Aide
 Ms. Ingrid Japa, School Aide
 Ms. Kristina Lopez, School Aide
 Ms. Eliut Vidals, School Aide
 Mr. James Vinci, School Aide

IT SUPPORT TEAM

Mr. Nicholas Sanchez

MAINTENANCE & CUSTODIAL TEAM

Mr. David Pagan, Head Custodian
 Mr. Ruben Bezares (*NEW to CSEE)
 Mr. Edgardo Gonzalez (*NEW to CSEE)
 Mr. Pablo Jose
 Mr. Alberto Perez (*NEW to CSEE)
 Mr. Alfredo Vargas

SECURITY/SAFETY TEAM (NJB)

Mr. Ramon Brown (Assigned to St. Bartholomew)
 Mr. Alvin Kirkland (*NEW to CSEE)
 Mr. Damien Chapman (p.m. at CSEE)

Calendar Reminders

Mon	Sept 19	Board of Trustee Meeting (6:00 p.m. in the MPR)
Tues	Sept 20	HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL: Teacher Coaching Day 12:00 Dismissal for Students
Thurs	Sept 22	OPEN HOUSE for parents 6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thurs & Fri	Sept 29 - Sept 30	SCHOOL CLOSED for Rosh Hashanah



We look forward to working with you to make this a year CSEE will never forget. On behalf of CSEE's entire staff, welcome to 2011-2012!

Sincerely yours,

Catalina Castillo
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 Principal



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PTO MEETING CALENDAR 2011-2012

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER	20 th (Open House)	6:00 pm	MPR
OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY, 19	6:00 pm	MPR
NOVEMBER	THURSDAY, 17	6:00 pm	MPR
DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY, 7	6:00 pm	MPR
JANUARY	THURSDAY, 12	6:00 pm	MPR
FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY, 8	6:00 pm	MPR
MARCH	THURSDAY, 15	6:00 pm	MPR
APRIL	WEDNESDAY, 18	6:00 pm	MPR
MAY	THURSDAY, 17	6:00 pm	MPR
JUNE	WEDNESDAY, 13	6:00 pm	MPR

If there is a change to this schedule, a notice will be posted on the school's website at:
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The Board of Trustees welcomes your attendance at the monthly public meetings. The following calendar reflects the meeting dates for the **2011-2012** school year. Meetings are held on the **third** Monday of every month at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room (MPR)** at the Charter School of Educational Excellence.

Dates are subject to change. Information about board meeting changes are posted on the school website at www.charterschoolofeducationalexcellence.org, announcement flyers posted around the school, and notices sent home to parents.

*The Board of Trustees meet every **3rd** Monday of the month except for **August 2011**, **December 2011** and **January 2012**, which are days schools are closed due to holidays and/or due to other scheduling conflicts.*

2011-2012 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
AUGUST	22	6:00 pm	MPR
SEPTEMBER	19	6:00 pm	MPR
OCTOBER	17	6:00 pm	MPR
NOVEMBER	21	6:00 pm	MPR
DECEMBER	5	6:00 pm	MPR
JANUARY	23	6:00 pm	MPR
FEBRUARY	27	6:00 pm	MPR
MARCH	19	6:00 pm	MPR
APRIL	16	6:00 pm	MPR
MAY	21	6:00 pm	MPR
JUNE	18	6:00 pm	MPR

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