



Superintendent's Report

December 3, 2024

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our outgoing Board trustees, Liz Fanelli, Janice Yeoh, and Sheryl Wagner, for their unwavering commitment to the Closter Public Schools over the last three years. On behalf of the entire Closter community, I am grateful for your expertise, dedication, and care, which have played a vital role in maintaining our schools' tradition of excellence. I wish you all the best in your future pursuits and encourage you to continue being the strong advocates for our schools that you have always been!

Hillside Elementary School presented *The First Grade Thanksgiving Concert* on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. The students did an outstanding job in singing and reciting poems about Thanksgiving, turkeys and being grateful. Thank you to Ms. Pidi, the first grade teachers, and paraprofessionals for all their work in preparing the students. The Hillside Fourth Grade Holiday Concert will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

Tenakill Middle School will present its *TMS Winter Concert* at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Ms. Abbey, Ms. Riecken, and the students are rehearsing and are excited to share their talents. All are invited.

Tenakill Middle School had two students accepted into the Bergen County Band this year. Congratulations to Samuel Berenfeld (grade 8) who was chosen for alto saxophone and to Sohumi Advani (grade 7) chosen for multi-percussion. Thank you to Ms. Abbey for her role in assisting our instrumental music students in attaining this prestigious recognition.

Don't miss the annual Tenakill TREP\$ Marketplace on Thursday, December 19, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our sixth-grade entrepreneurs will sell their products to the school and local community. This event promotes the development of creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork among students. It also provides them with an opportunity to enhance their financial literacy, marketing abilities, and communication skills through hands-on experiences and interaction with customers from the community. This year it is just in time to finish your holiday shopping! We hope to see you there.

Closter Public Schools will have a half-day session on Monday, December 23, 2024. We will be closed for the holiday recess from December 24, 2024, – January 1, 2025. Schools will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year!

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