



Superintendent's Report

September 24, 2024

I'm happy to share that one of the podcasts created last school year by three of our middle school students in the Tenakill Enrichment Program (TEP) has been named a finalist in the national NPR podcast competition! Congratulations to Alivia Chu, Sophia Lee, and Katelyn Seo, who are now in 7th grade, for their podcast, *Rice is Life*. Alivia, Sophia and Katelyn's podcast was selected as one of the top ten finalists out of 2000 podcast submissions from around the United States. NPR will announce the winners sometime soon. We are so proud of our students!

Our eighth grade, along with some teachers and administrators, attended the *Closter September 11th Memorial Service*. Janine Micera, our Board trustee, is also a member of the Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps and she placed a wreath at the monument during a moment of silence. It was a respectful service to remember the tragic events of that dark day in our history.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, which began on September 15, 2024, our students are learning about the traditions of Hispanic cultures and about the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. Hispanic Heritage Month continues through October 15, 2024, so I encourage you to ask your children what they are learning during this special month. We will be observing Global Diversity Awareness Month in October.

Our [District Assessment Calendar](#) has been posted to our district website. This document lists the standardized assessments that will be administered this year, with information about the grades participating, the testing time, the test administration window, and when results will be available. Ms. Zanin, our district testing coordinator, sent this information home to all families. Please take a look at the district assessment calendar to be aware of when testing will take place throughout the year for our students.

The [Closter PTO website](#) has information on membership registration, their mobile app, and many upcoming events, including the Closter PTO Fall Social taking place on October 10, 2024, from 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. at Sear House.

As a reminder, our Back-to-School Nights continue:

- Wednesday, September 25, 2024: Grades 7–8 , TMS, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 26, 2024: Grades 3–4, HES, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 10, 2024: Grades PreK–2, HES, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Schools will be closed for Rosh Hashanah on Thursday, October 3, 2024. I wish a sweet new year to all those who are celebrating.

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