

Welcome to the inaugural CPC meeting of the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that everyone had relaxing, fun summer plans with friends and family. Every year, as the summer is approaching, I fool myself about how much I'll knock off my to-do list and how many new projects I'll accomplish over the summer—and then before I get even half of them done, I'm buying my kids their new fall backpacks and other school supplies!

Fortunately for us, during July and August, the CSH administration was not only more ambitious, but also far more productive than I've been. There's been a flurry of hiring new administrators and faculty. Notable new additions to our district family are our incoming high school assistant principal Kevin Bernier, Goosehill principal Christina Alicea-Cosme, West Side principal John Barnes, STEM director Christine Schlendorf, and assistant superintendent for business Christine Costa. We welcome them all and look forward to learning more about their visions for our district.

A huge new reason to feel proud of our district is that Lloyd Harbor School was just chosen as a 2022 National Blue Ribbon award winner for excellence. This is an especially amazing feat coming off of two and a half years of pandemic restrictions, at a time when other schools in New York and across the nation are scrambling to figure out what to do about student apathy and learning loss.

If you weren't at the September BOE meeting last week, it was jam-packed with enough information for three meetings! In reviewing highlights from the past year, we saw just how incredible our students' achievements were in the classrooms, in artistic spaces, and in the athletic arena. Mr. Danbusky gave a thorough, data-driven overview on our high school students' performance on Regents and AP exams. All four school principals spoke enthusiastically about their plans and paradigms for learning. We heard about new infrastructure upgrades and installments. We can look forward to a new monthly newsletter from the guidance department. Detailed new curriculum guides have been compiled and disseminated, so that parents have a greater level of transparency regarding standards and academic benchmarks for each grade. We have much to celebrate and anticipate this year.

Some reminders of important dates: Tonight is Back to School Night for Junior High parents, and next Thursday, September 29th is for the Senior High parents. Homecoming is Friday,

October 7th—and if our first home football game, paired with our 9/11 tribute was any indication, it will be an ebullient, well-attended event for the entire district community. Our next Board of Education meeting is on Tuesday, October 18th, and our next CPC meeting is Thursday, October 20th.

CPC meetings are an amazing way to familiarize yourself more deeply with district-wide events and to have a chance to speak informally with our district administrators. Please do not hesitate to send us ideas for CPC presentations on issues important to you. Additionally, feel free to email questions to us at any time, and we can help get them fielded by the right people at the following meeting. CPC meetings, at their best, have a collaborative, neighborly spirit—I hope that you will learn from them, look forward to them, and get your friends involved as well!

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