



CCSD NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear CCSD Colleagues,

Happy October! I hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement for the beautiful autumn days ahead. As we step into this new month, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful start we've had to the 2023-2024 school year. September was truly a remarkable month for our district, and it's inspiring to see the incredible work that has been taking place.

Throughout September, our schools and staff have achieved some remarkable milestones that we should all be proud of. From the first day of school to the various programs and initiatives implemented, we've witnessed the dedication, passion, and resilience of our entire CCSD community.

As we move forward, I'm thrilled to announce that the Office of Communications will be actively sharing the great things happening in our district each month. Be sure to follow our social media pages for daily highlights, inspiring stories, and important updates.



Additionally, if you have a story, project, or event that you'd like to feature in our monthly newsletter, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sheena Yera at syera@camden.k12.nj.us. We believe that every success, big or small, deserves recognition, and your contributions will help us showcase the collective excellence of our CCSD community.

Let's continue to work together, support one another, and make the 2023-2024 school year the best one yet. Thank you for your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to the success of our students.

Wishing you all a fantastic October filled with joy, learning, and continued success!

Students First,

Katrina T. McCombs, M.A.Ed., MPA
State District Superintendent
Camden City School District

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ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Camden City School District promotes attendance!

In the Camden City School District (CCSD), we believe that education is the key to unlocking a world of possibilities for our students. That's why we're proud to introduce and celebrate our districtwide attendance initiative, *"Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow."* September marked the beginning of this exciting journey, and we couldn't be more thrilled about the impact it's already having on our students.

Our dedication to "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow" extends far beyond the month of September. It's a daily commitment to our students' success. As we progress through the school year, we anticipate even more positive outcomes and continued growth in our students' attendance rates.

We invite every member of the CCSD community to join us in championing this essential cause. Whether you're a student, parent, teacher, or staff member, your support and dedication to regular attendance make a significant impact on our students' educational journeys.



A VISION FOR EQUITY



Equity, Excellence, and Eastside High: Shaping the Future Together

In a groundbreaking move towards ensuring equity and excellence in education, the Camden City School District is proud to reveal its ambitious reconstruction plan for the all-new Eastside High School. This monumental project represents a significant step forward in our commitment to providing every student in our district with access to state-of-the-art facilities and a world-class education.

The reconstruction plan for Eastside High School is rooted in our district's commitment to equity. It's about more than just bricks and mortar; it's about providing all students with the same opportunities to excel academically and personally.

In the coming months and years, we will work diligently to turn this vision into reality. We invite the entire CCSD community to join us on this transformative journey and look forward to the day when the doors of the new Eastside High School swing open to welcome the leaders, innovators, and change-makers of tomorrow.

The future is bright, and we are excited for what lies ahead as we build a more equitable and prosperous educational landscape for all.



EMBRACING DIVERSITY MATTERS

Driving Change through Inclusivity

Diversity is more than just a word to us; it's a core value that shapes our approach to education. Our district proudly celebrates the rich tapestry of cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives that make up our community. We believe that by embracing diversity, we create an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.

Recently, our district had the privilege of being featured on CBS3 in a special news coverage that highlighted our ongoing efforts to champion diversity and inclusivity. This recognition is a testament to our unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment for all.

The news coverage on CBS3 showcased our dedication to driving positive change through inclusivity. We are committed to ensuring that our schools are not only safe and welcoming but also reflective of the diverse world our students will navigate as they grow and learn.

Our commitment to inclusivity is evident in the various programs, initiatives, and resources we have put in place to support our students and staff. We understand that promoting inclusivity goes beyond words; it requires action, empathy, and collaboration. Together, we are building a more inclusive and equitable district where every student has the opportunity to thrive.



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Camden City School District explores the Allied Health Career

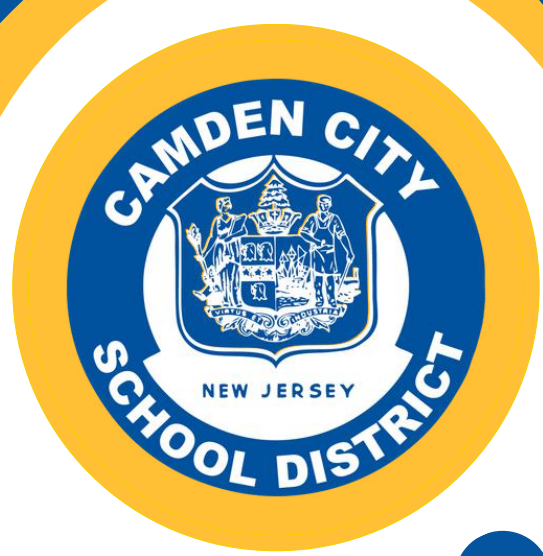
Get ready to be inspired by the dedicated students of Eastside High Campus and Camden High Campus as they gear up for their EMT Program journey!

FUN FACT

Did you know that CCSD has proudly taken the lead in Camden by partnering with Virtua Health, becoming the first school to offer its students the opportunity to earn a certified EMT certificate upon successful program completion?

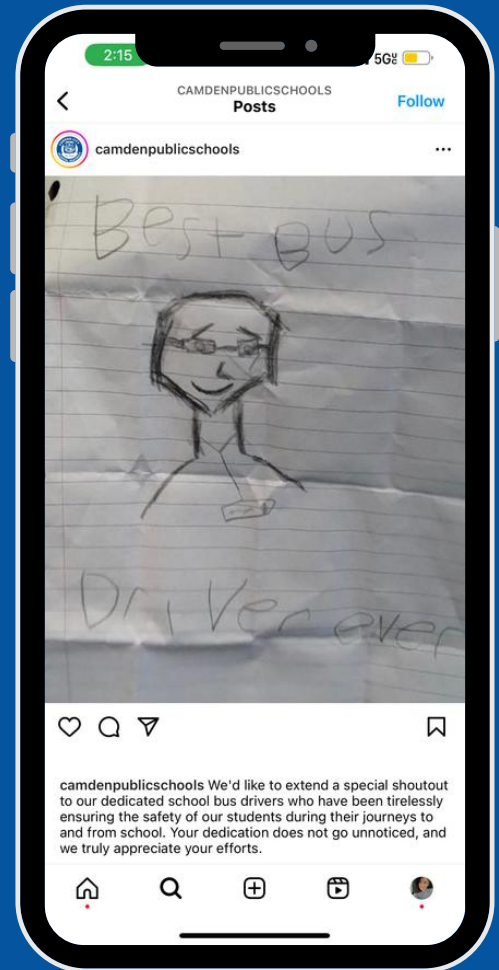
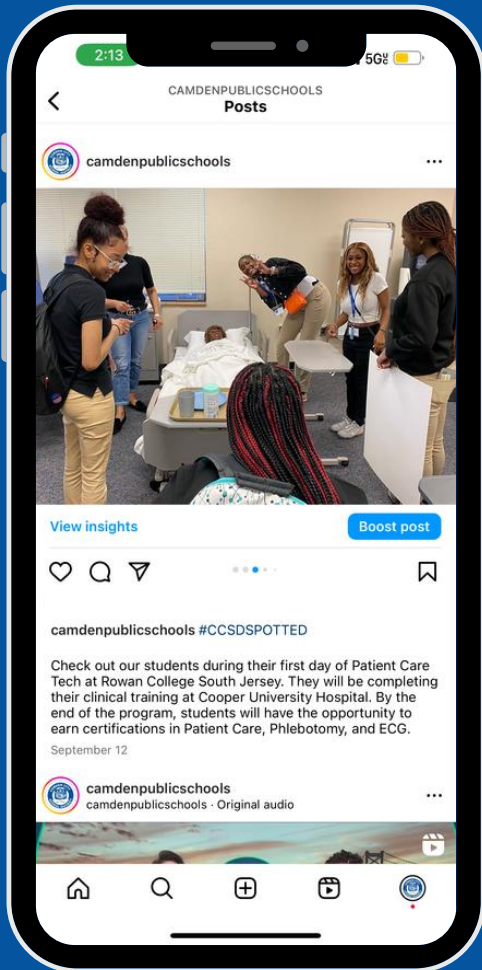
Join us in celebrating the exciting journey of our students as they embark on their first day of the Patient Care Tech program at Rowan College South Jersey. This remarkable cohort will soon begin their clinical training at Cooper University Hospital, where they will gain invaluable hands-on experience. By the end of this comprehensive program, our students will have the opportunity to earn prestigious certifications in Patient Care, Phlebotomy, and ECG, setting them on a path towards successful careers in healthcare.





SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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NEWS RECOGNITION

Featured Stories About Us:

- [6ABC](#) - Camden, New Jersey family gets special walk on first day of school
- [NJ Spotlight News](#) - Camden City School District works to boost pre-K enrollment
- [Camden County](#) - Commissioners, Camden City School District Unveiled Plans for New East Side High School
- [Tap into Camden](#) - Subaru of America Adopts All Classrooms on Camden High School Campus
- [CBS News](#) - Cooper's Poynt Family School teachers excited to be back
- [CBS News](#) - Principal Casella ready to welcome students back at Camden's Cooper Poynt Family School
- [Tap into Camden](#) - Camden School District: If You Don't Show Up, You Can't Learn
- [The Inquirer](#) - To fight attendance woes, Camden students are taking a daily pledge to attend school
- [NJ.com](#) - After quitting football, Flack making most of final chance at Camden Eastside
- [6ABC](#) - CAMDEN CITY LEADERS ANNOUNCE NEW EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
- [CBS News](#) - Eastside High School in Camden to get new building thanks to \$105 million investment
- [Tap into Camden](#) - Brand-New Eastside High Grew from 'We Have to Do Better' Conversation
- [6ABC](#) - Dads, father figures set example in Camden during walk to school event
- [Tap into Camden](#) - Camden Students Take Inaugural Floating Classroom Cruise on Delaware River
- [NJ Education Report](#) - Women of the Dream Uses Camden Education Fund Grant to Address Trauma in Middle School Girls



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR BUILDING?

We'd love to hear from you

As you know, we are always striving to showcase and celebrate the wonderful things happening within our building. Hence, we invite you to be a part of our monthly newsletter, where we can highlight and share the great achievements, initiatives, and events taking place.

Our newsletter serves as a platform to not only recognize individual accomplishments but to foster a sense of community and collaboration amongst all staff members. It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone to learn from each other and be inspired by the diverse talents and brilliant work that happens within our school.

We strongly encourage you to nominate yourself or your colleagues for inclusion in the newsletter. Whether it's a student project, an innovative teaching method, a community outreach program, or even a personal milestone – we want to hear about it! By sharing these stories, we can learn from one another, inspire creativity, and perhaps even spark new collaborations and ideas.

To ensure your submission is considered for our newsletter, kindly fill out this [FORM](#) no later than the 20th day of each month. If you have any questions or need assistance compiling your submission, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sheena Yera at syera@camden.k12.nj.us.

Remember, our aim is not only to highlight the great things happening within our building but also to uplift and motivate each other. The newsletter is a testament to the shared dedication and commitment we have towards our students and our profession as educators. Together, let's celebrate our achievements and inspire future successes.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our school. We look forward to receiving your submissions and showcasing the incredible work that happens within our community.

THANK YOU



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