

THE CR REPORT



SUMMER 2023

“Where Educational Excellence is a Tradition”

QUARTERLY

Celebrating a Legacy and Embracing the Future

As we bid a fond farewell to our esteemed superintendent, Dr. Christine Alois, we celebrate her remarkable tenure and contributions to our educational community. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Alois on her retirement. She has spent the last 29 years dedicated to education and has given her passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to fostering academic excellence and shaping the lives of our students. Her visionary leadership has left an indelible mark on our district, ensuring that every child receives the best possible education and support to thrive in an ever-changing world. I speak for the entire School Board and the Rider community in wishing her a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

As we embark on the next phase of our district’s educational journey, the selection of a new superintendent is a crucial process. The members of the Board of Education are committed to finding a candidate who shares our vision, possesses exemplary leadership qualities, and is dedicated to the holistic development of our students. To that end, a comprehensive search has begun with stakeholders, educators, parents, and community members to identify the most suitable individual to lead our district. It is our aim to ensure a seamless transition and maintain the unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional education to our students that the Caesar Rodney School District is known for.

The Caesar Rodney School District remains steadfast in our dedication to the strategic plan that Superintendent Alois played a pivotal role in developing. The plan will continue to serve as our roadmap, guiding us towards a future of innovation, inclusivity, and educational excellence. The components of the plan prioritize personalized learning experiences, innovative teaching methods, and a supportive environment that nurtures the unique talents and strengths of every student.

The school board remains resolute in our efforts to enhance community engagement and collaboration. We believe in the power of partnerships and the collective wisdom of our community members, parents and educators. Together, we will continue to build bridges that strengthen our educational ecosystem, encouraging lifelong learning and preparing our students to become responsible global citizens.

As we express our gratitude to Dr. Alois for her extraordinary contributions, we also embrace the new opportunities that lie ahead. The search for a new superintendent will allow us to bring fresh perspectives, energy, and expertise to our district. We invite our community to join us in this exciting journey as we continue to move forward with our strategic plan, empowering our students and preparing them for a future full of possibilities.

Jessica Marelli - President, Caesar Rodney Board of Education

2023 - 2024 DISTRICT HONORS



EMILY WHITE

Fred Fifer III Middle School

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL



MELISSA RAPP

Caesar Rodney High School

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



SINEAD RONAN

Magnolia Middle School

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL



WE ARE HIRING

**ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR :**

Teachers - multiple grades

Foreign Language
Paraprofessionals
Special Education
Custodians
Coaches

**JOIN
OUR
TEAM!**



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Meet the New School Board Member Nicole Hill elected for 5-year Term



At the annual Caesar Rodney School Board reorganization meeting held on Wednesday, July 5, the newest member was sworn in by Board of Education President, Jessica Marelli. Nicole Hill was elected as a member of the School Board in May 2023. Nicole is a proud 1996 graduate of Caesar Rodney High School, and received a Bachelor of Science from Delaware Valley University and a Master of Science from Wesley College. She is the Kent County Coordinator for Read Aloud Delaware, a non-profit promoting the importance of childhood literacy. Nicole lives in Dover with her husband, Kyle, a Special Education Resource Teacher with the District. They have three children that attend Caesar Rodney schools.



BOARD MEETINGS

August 22, 2023:
F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School

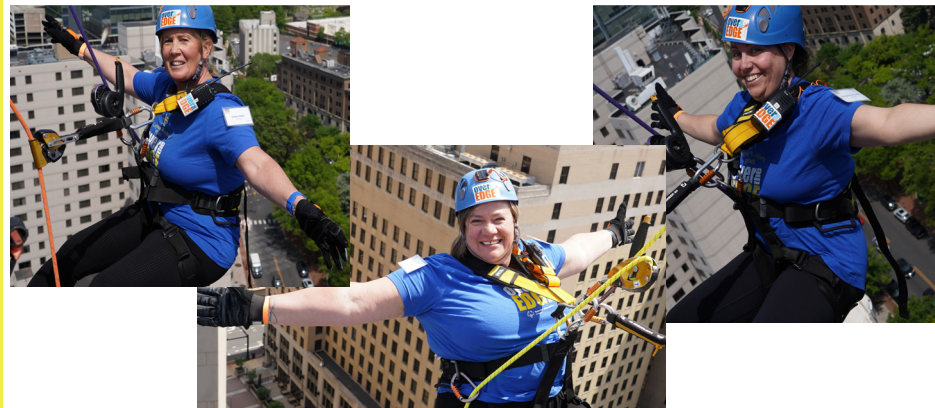
September 19, 2023:
David E. Robinson Elementary School

October 17, 2023:
Magnolia Middle School



Over the Edge for Special Olympics

The 2023 "Over the Edge" for Special Olympics Delaware was held on May 11. The money raised fuels the mission of Special Olympics to provide year-round competition, leadership opportunities, and health screenings to 4,200 athletes. A dozen CR staff from across the district participated this year, including Megan Polichetti, Gwen Clark, & Ray Failing who all rappelled 17-stories down the north face of 300 Delaware Avenue in Wilmington - that's 222 feet!



Magnolia Middle Students Make Ultimate Macaroni & Cheese



Seventh grade Magnolia Middle School students of Haitian descent collaborated with CRSD Child Nutrition to include a Haitian inspired speciality on the school's lunch menu. A group of culinary-inclined students worked to prepare the Creole-influenced dish of macaroni and cheese. It was a big hit with the lunch crowd!! (L. to R. Lyod-Mishammah Coutilien; Josceline Simon; Samantha Saint-Juste-Orelus; Darla Koff, Child Nutrition Specialist; Suandra Shaw; and Jocenitha Anathol.)

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Jessica Marelli, President

Dave Failing, Vice-President

Mike Marasco

Dr. Joyce Denman

Nicole Hill

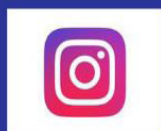
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CRHS Spring & Winter 2023 All-State & All-Conference Athletes

SPRING

First Team All-State

Ian Cain – Track & Field
Abby Cholewa – Track & Field
Allyson Durham - Girls Soccer
Reagan Garnsey - Golf
Evan Gebhart - Golf
Steve Grossman - Boys Lacrosse

Second Team All-State

Alexis Blackwell – Track & Field
Ella Brown – Track & Field
Patrick Craig - Boys Lacrosse
Raegan Dawicki – Track & Field
Gavin Garrison - Golf
Elise Hensley - Girls Lacrosse
Kaitlyn Horton - Softball
Alexandra LeNoir - Girls Soccer
Bree Talley - Track & Field
Cam Taylor - Boys Lacrosse

Third Team All-State

Krista Brosius - Golf
Dominic Guido - Track & Field
Gabriel Harris - Track & Field
Joshua Johnson - Track & Field

First Team All-Conference

Syllest Barrett - Track & Field
Avery Bonner - Track & Field
Gracie Clark - Girls Tennis
Marc Patrick Clemente - Boys Tennis
Erin Gross - Girls Tennis
Cameron Lawson - Baseball
Allyson Lebendig - Girls Tennis
Ramon Manjon - Boys Tennis
Jason Moyer - Boys Tennis
Ayush Patel - Boys Tennis
Yatra Patel - Girls Tennis

Matthew Reed - Golf
Peyton Shields - Softball
Aaliyah Smith - Track & Field
Evelyn Snyder - Girls Tennis
Noelle Snyder - Girls Tennis
Kiear Towns - Track & Field
Ava Vu - Girls Tennis
Journey Wilson - Track & Field

Second Team All-Conference

Ian Betts - Boys Lacrosse
Phoenix Biggs - Boys Lacrosse
Jonathon Bush - Track & Field
Melissa Dolt - Girls Lacrosse
Steven Donigan - Baseball
Maddox Downs - Track & Field
Kylee Elliott - Girls Soccer
Hannah Glanden - Girls Soccer
Sydney Hatch - Softball
Caden Heritage - Baseball
William Li - Boys Lacrosse
Kailyn Maull - Girls Soccer
Elizabeth McCarthy - Softball
Jaxson Monroney - Baseball
Ella Price - Girls Lacrosse
Elle Roberts - Girls Lacrosse
Ava Ruggiero - Girls Lacrosse
Ashlyn Schmidt - Softball
Parker Smith - Boys Lacrosse
Griffin Spana - Track & Field
Rory Steele - Boys Lacrosse

Honorable Mention All-Conf.

Dylan Bennett - Boys Lacrosse
Graham Buckson - Baseball
Nathan Cecchett - Golf
Rylie Faricloth - Girls Lacrosse
Bailey Minnear - Softball
Alexandra Soghomonian - Girls Soccer

Henlopen Conference

Regular Season Team Champions

Golf
Boys & Girls Tennis

Henlopen Conference

Coach of the Year

Girls Lacrosse – Goergina Voss

WINTER

Second Team All-State

Ryan Woodzell - Boys Swimming

First Team All-Conference

Abby Cholewa - Girls Indoor Track
Trevor Copes - Wrestling
Paul Edelman - Boys Swimming
Reagan Garnsey - Girls Swimming
Alexander McEvoy - Wrestling
Ammar McNair - Unified Basketball
Nicholas Moore - Wrestling

Second Team All-Conference

Alexis Blackwell - Girls Indoor Track
Ella Brown - Girls Indoor Track
Aiden Cain - Boys Indoor Track
Ian Cain - Boys Indoor Track
Cameron Cataldi - Wrestling
Maddox Downs - Boys Indoor Track
Evan Easton - Boys Indoor Track
Kyree Green - Boys Indoor Track
Dominic Guido - Boys Indoor Track
Calvin Hernandez - Boys Indoor Track
Joshua Iseminger - Boys Swimming
Mert Kayabas - Boys Swimming

Dreux Lail - Girls Indoor Track
Jaymi Lausten - Boys Indoor Track
Brady May - Boys Swimming
Cole Moffett - Wrestling
Nathan Moore - Wrestling
Serena Prystash - Girls Swimming
Aaliyah Smith - Girls Basketball
Griffin Spana - Boys Indoor Track
Bree Taylor - Girls Indoor Track

Honorable Mention

All-Conference

Syllest Barrett - Girls Basketball
Dylan Fuchs - Boys Swimming
Maximus Kammer - Boys Swimming
Khalil Kemp - Boys Basketball
Katherine Outten - Girls Swimming

Fall 2022

Second Team All-State (3A)

Richard Smith – Football (offense)
(*this recognition was omitted in the Winter CR Report)

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for all the CRHS
varsity & junior varsity
team schedules
and results!

John S. Charlton & Caesar Rodney High School Graduation Speakers Are Also Caesar Rodney Alumni



Jillian Mathews is a 2016 graduate of the John S. Charlton School. Jillian is employed at DelDOT as an Operation Support Specialist in the Planning Department where she scans maps and documents three days a week. Jillian has participated in community plays, runs in 5k fundraising events, and participated in several Special Olympic activities at the national level.



Dr. Rebecca Tenney-Soeiro is a 1993 graduate of Caesar Rodney High School. Dr. Tenney-Soeiro wears many hats at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: Program Director, Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship; Section Chief of Education, Division of General Pediatrics; and both Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Advisory Dean, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.





CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL NEWS



Dover Air Base Middle: The DABM Odyssey of the Mind team, comprised of 6 sixth graders, chose Problem 1 which was “Pirates and the Treasure”. The team created an original skit, song, and sea monster that they had to fight while sailing in their pirate ship. The team did an outstanding job winning the state competition with an overall perfect score of 350 points. After much fundraising, the team headed to Lansing, Michigan for the World Finals with high hopes. The team came in 26th place out of 67 global teams.



Fred Fifer III Middle: Fifer Middle’s Young Men of Promise traveled to the National Museum of African-American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. The district’s Coordinator of Equity and Diversity, Cliffvon Howell, provided a guided tour for the young men which added insight into the 600 years of history highlighted in the museum.



Star Hill Elementary: On May 17, Star Hill’s Early Intervention Program and PreK Countywide Programs hosted a successful Touch-a-Truck event for the students to have a hands-on experience with vehicles from around the community. A big thank you to all participants for making it a success: Dover Motor Speedway, Delaware Solid Waste Authority, Delaware State Police, DelDOT, Kent County Paramedics, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, DNREC and the Delaware Farm Bureau Mobile Ag Lab.



Nellie Stokes Elementary: The Multilingual Learner (MLL) Program at Nellie Stokes celebrated its 2nd Annual MLL Awards on May 24. The awards were created to recognize the achievements of MLL scholars for their hard work on the yearly ACCESS language proficiency test. In addition, five scholars were celebrated for achieving proficiency on the test and exiting the program.



W. B. Simpson Elementary: First through fifth grade students from Simpson and the Countywide ILC partnered with DelDOT to host an outdoor Bicycle Rodeo as a celebration of the fundraiser, “Health. Moves. Minds”. This events promotes physical activity and mental health awareness for our students!



W. Reily Brown Elementary: Students at Brown hosted a “Leadership Day”, and invited community members to experience the great work on their campus. Members of Brown’s clubs and organizations shared information about their impact throughout the year, and members of the Student Lighthouse Team explained the importance of “The Leader in Me” program to the community.



Major George S. Welch Elementary: On his 105th birthday (May 10), a special “Major George S. Welch Day” was held at Welch Elementary on Dover Air Base. With all students in attendance, DE State Representative Kerri Evelyn Harris presented House Resolution 11 declaring the day in honor of Major Welch. Special guests received a Welch Elementary Challenge Coin from the student body in recognition of their support for the school and its programs.



David E. Robinson Elementary: David E Robinson’s “Fuel Up to Play 60” leaders worked hard all year to achieve touchdown status for our school. Select 4th & 5th grade leaders were invited to Philadelphia where they got to meet and play games with Eagles player Landon Dickerson, some dairy farmers, and the Eagles mascot, Swoop! They learned about the work that goes into dairy farming, and a couple students won signed mini helmets by answering trivia questions.



Allen Frear Elementary: Allen Frear students enjoy participating in a school-wide book club featuring the book “Love That Dog”. As a culminating activity, students read poetry with Penny, the dog. Penny, a 4-legged district employee, visits Frear often as she is a certified reading buddy and fur baby to Dr. Kim Weber (CR District Resource Teacher).



J. Ralph McIlvaine Early Childhood Center: Spring rains couldn’t stop the students at McIlvaine from having fun on field day! Students headed indoors for games like Duck, Duck, Goose!



F. Niel Postlethwait Middle: Eight students from Postlethwait Middle attended the 2023 Special Olympics Student Leadership Conference at Caesar Rodney High School, in May. Designed as an opportunity for all attendees to learn more about Unified Champion Schools, the conference showed how student leaders can become resources for the district to become more inclusive. The topic “Agent of Change” was the theme, with all students learning about the huge impact that can be made by implementing small changes one at a time.

Girls Tennis Individual State Champions



**Yatra Patel &
Allyson Lebending
Second Doubles**



**Evelyn Snyder
Third Singles**



**Ava Vu & Noelle Snyder
First Doubles**



**Ian
Cain**
Boys Track &
Field

**800M
State
Champion**

**Abby
Cholewa**
Girls Track &
Field

**Pole Vault
State
Champion**



Caesar Rodney High School Girls Tennis Team Head Coach Dan Candeloro and team members celebrate winning the DIAA State Championship vs Tower Hill School on May 16, 2023.