



GENERAL UPDATES:

We started the 2025-2026 school year strong! We are very proud of our students for returning to school with a positive attitude and a willingness to work!

We would like to thank all parents and guardians for their excellent team effort in ensuring that all students continue to adhere to the cell phone policy.

On September 18, 2025, we successfully held our Back to School Night- we want to thank all who attended.

JEN'S CORNER

Remember to submit updated student information forms, as well as lunch applications and lunch payments.

CHANCELLOR SPORTS SECTION

Sports being offered at Chancellor Academy this marking period are basketball, soccer, and volleyball!

We are hard at work preparing for the upcoming basketball season.

In basketball, we are training our endurance, passing, and dribbling for the season, which is starting next marking period

For volleyball, we are working on serving. In soccer, we are working on team morale.

We are very excited for our upcoming sports seasons!

By: AD

OCTOBER 2025 CHANCELLOR GRAM



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy October, Panther families! We're off to a strong start this school year. Thank you for your continued support as we help students grow academically and personally.

What's New:

Electronics Procedure: Phones/devices are turned in each morning during Core Group. This has reduced distractions and improved focus.

Panther Battles: Our yearlong PRIDE competition (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, Excellence) is underway. Packs earn points for activities, spirit, and more—leading up to Field Day.

Week of Respect (First Full Week of October: October 6-10)

Monday 10/6: Stomp Out Bullying (wear blue)

Tuesday 10/7: Pack Color Wars (wear your Pack colors)

Wednesday 10/8: TEAM UP AGAINST BULLYING (wear a sports jersey)

Thursday 10/9: Hats Off to You Kindness Day (wear a hat)

Friday 10/10: Get Cozy with Respect (wear pajamas or sweats)

Packs earn points based on the number of students who participate each day.

Panther Battle: Kindness Chain Challenge (Month of October)

- Staff and students will earn small strips of colored paper whenever they demonstrate an act of kindness
- Each act is written on a paper link (Pack color) and added to the Pack's Kindness Chain.
- Chains are displayed in hallways
- As the month progresses, chains grow to show schoolwide kindness.

Other October Reminders:

- **Parent Conferences (Oct. 23 & 24):** More information will be shared soon about how to schedule your conference.
- **Transportation Reminder:** Students must use district-provided transportation unless alternate arrangements are requested 24 hours in advance (outlined in our handbook).

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a month full of learning, school spirit, and Panther Pride!

Tyler Marion, School Principal





PANTHER PRIDE

A number of students have been nominated for Panther Pride since the beginning of the school year. Parents should receive an email if their student earned a Paw. Please join us in congratulating all our students on all of their hard work.

This month, as a school, we are focusing on highlighting moments in which students exemplified Diversity. The word diversity takes on many forms at Chancellor Academy. We want students to think outside the box, we want them to be welcoming to one another, and we also want them to be accepting of all their individual traits, skills, and strengths.

FALL 2025 TESTING DATES

10/6/25-10/10/25 - NJGPA - 12TH GRADERS REQUIRED TO TEST/RETEST

10/14-10/17/25 - NJGPA MAKE-UPS

10/21/25 - SAT COLLEGE BOARD TESTING - AVAILABLE FOR 12TH GRADERS

10/29/25 - PSAT/NMSQT COLLEGE BOARD TESTING - FOR 10TH & 11TH GRADERS

10/27/25-11/14/25 - NJSLA-ADAPTIVE AND NJGPA-ADAPTIVE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT FIELD TESTS TO BE HELD IN PREPARATION FOR SPRING 2026 STATE TESTING

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING STANDARDIZED TESTING, PLEASE CONTACT LISA MCCONAGLY, TEST COORDINATOR
(973) 835-4989 X223 OR
EMAIL: LMCCONAGLY@CHANCELLORACADEMY.NET**

STUDENT'S CORNER: FIELD TRIP TO BATTLEZONE

At Chancellor Academy, we have field trips at least once a month for the students to have some fun instead of just sitting in school all day. One of our field trips that we had last month was a trip to Battlezone. Battlezone is a nerf gun warzone fun place. A staff member separates the kids into teams and gives each student a team color. Some of the games that we play are Capture the Flag and Last One Standing. After about 2 hours of Nerf battles, it's time to eat some pizza and relax. Then it is time to get back on the bus and head back to school for dismissal.

By: J.C., Student



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Our counseling staff is working on completing DVR referrals with all our seniors- please make sure to sign and return any documents needed and to follow up with any appointment requests.

If you want to opt out of having a DVR referral made for your child, send the form back to us marked "I prefer for my child to not be referred".

If you have any questions regarding DVR please reach out to us!

Tyler A., Jeanette, Jenn R., Jay, and Claudia

NURSE'S CORNER

Don't forget to contact me with any medical changes!

Stacey Connolly, RN

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 13: School closed

October 23: Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 24: Parent-teacher conferences

As always, we will provide information for these dates and any significant changes through our K12 communication system, which will alert you via phone, email, and text messages.

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF... CORNER

Director Kevin McNaught, Interview completed by GR, Student

How many years have you worked at Chancellor?
Kevin has worked at Chancellor Academy for 33 years.

Why do you like your profession?
He enjoys working with children and helping them. He believes in the underdogs (like Rocky Balboa); he roots for them.

What are your goals for your students?
He said he wants the students to give their best every day. He understands that his students have their bad days sometimes, but he wants them to try even when they have bad days.

What is the proudest moment in your career so far?
Kevin said there are two students who communicate with him, and he reports that everything is going fine in their lives. He named two of his former students, saying one lives in California and is a minister, and the other is married. He has a job and a family, and he likes that they are on the right track.

What are the biggest challenges you encountered in your role as a Director?
He can't take every student who comes in because the school may not be a good fit. He feels bad that he can't take every student.

What did you do before becoming a Director?
Kevin stated that he did it all: teacher, counselor, and clinical director. He was a teacher for years, then came to the Chancellor, and served as a counselor for 10 years before becoming the current director.



OUR STUDENT INTERN: VICTORIA INTERVIEW COMPLETED BY AS, STUDENT

This month, we would like to interview our new intern councilor, Vikki. Vikki joined us the first week of school and is with us every Monday and Tuesday.

What is your favorite food?
Vikki's favorite food is pasta with red sauce and chicken.

Why do you want to work with kids?
Vikki feels like a big kid herself; she has always liked working with kids, and she has always pictured herself working with kids.

Do you have any pets, and what is your favorite animal?
Vikki does not have any pets, and she loves big dogs.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
In Vikki's spare time, she loves to read, watches a lot of movies, and spends time with her friends.