



# Cherry Hill High School West

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today as we commence a truly great time of the school year. With each passing day we are confronted with the option of interpreting our experiences from a pessimistic perspective or from an optimistic perspective. It is my opinion that optimism, enthusiasm, and gratitude are all interrelated character traits. I believe that adopting an attitude of optimism, enthusiasm, and gratitude is a choice and not a result.

The month of November is important in our society as it is a time for thanksgiving, which is also synonymous with an attitude of gratitude. There is no better time for us to reflect on the people within our life to whom we are grateful. There is no better time for us to recognize and appreciate the privileges that we have been afforded. On a personal level, I am thankful for the opportunity to engage in a profession that I love! Interacting with your children is truly a joy and it is a daily pleasure to vicariously experience high school life through them. I thank you for affording me that opportunity and I am sincerely grateful to you! As we move forward in this month, I challenge you to join me in consistently maintaining an attitude of gratitude. In adopting this type of attitude we must think of the word gratitude as a verb rather than as a noun. An attitude of gratitude should generate an action. As such, the goal is that you express gratitude to at least one person on a daily basis.

This month promises to be a busy and exciting one. We are rapidly approaching the close of the first marking period on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and student report cards will be issued on November 21<sup>st</sup>. I encourage all students to strive for high achievement and to maintain the consistent effort necessary to produce such achievement. Finally, the 2017 HS West Spirit Week is scheduled to commence on November 16<sup>th</sup> and it will culminate on November 22<sup>nd</sup> with the annual East vs West Homecoming Football game. I encourage all to come out to attend this event. I would like to take a moment to wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday season. I hope that you have the opportunity to spend much needed quality time with family and friends. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Have a safe and healthy month!

Yours truly,

Dr. Kwame R. Morton, Sr.  
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