

POTENTIAL

P.G. CHAMBERS SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2023 EDITION



MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GROUP SPREAD THE LOVE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

Our entrepreneurial middle school leaders spread the love this Valentine's Day selling cards and candy grams throughout the month of February. Candy grams were created for peers and staff and delivered by students to a special someone. Each bag contained one pink cookie, two candies, and a special "Happy Valentine's Day" message - decorated by Class 12!



P.G. CHAMBERS SCHOOL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR DAY



Wednesday, March 1 was International Wheelchair day! This celebratory day was created by a young man with Spina Bifida to celebrate the positive impact that wheelchairs have on a user's life.

This special day provided a wonderful opportunity for P.G. Chambers School to celebrate all of our wheelchair users with a fun parade.

Students decorated their wheelchairs with flares, lights and streamers while their peers and staff made signs to cheer them on as they paraded through the school. Fun was had by all as we came together to celebrate each other.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

P.G. CHAMBERS SCHOOL HONORS READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH

P.G. Chambers School was happy for the return of our popular family reading night honoring Read Across America month. On March 9, 2023 our students and their families gathered together for an evening of stories and fun. Children and families were greeted by costumed guest readers as they “dove into books” for our **Under the Sea of Books** event. Families and students wore their favorite pajamas and enjoyed the time to be together.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

WEEK-LONG SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR BACK IN ACTION DURING READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH

P.G. Chambers School's scholastic book fair was back this year for a week-long event for students and staff to peruse, purchase and delight in the joy of reading as we continue to celebrate Read Across America month. Our book fair was open throughout the school day for students and staff as well as during our Family Reading Night for families. Many thanks to our Home School Association for their time and effort in organizing this amazing event!



Book Fair Coordinator and P.G. Chambers School Mom, Aimee Hanlon (r) works the store with P.G. Chambers School Social Worker, Allison Yakush (l).



NOTEWORTHY NEWS

P.G. CHAMBERS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS A NEW MEMBER



Terrence (TJ) Hull, has been elected to serve a three year term as a Trustee of P.G. Chambers School. A life-long Morris County resident and a trial attorney with the Chatham-based law firm, Blume Forte Fried Zerres & Molinari, Hull brings his knowledge and passion for the school to the Board.

TJ has been an active volunteer for P.G. Chambers School since 2019, most recently serving as Co-Chair for the school's Walk.Run.Roll 5k event in October of 2022. We welcome TJ to the Board and are thankful for his support and willingness to serve our students and community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PARTNERSHIP WITH SETON HALL ENRICHES THERAPISTS' SKILLS



P.G. Chambers School is honored to work with many colleges and universities to support our important work. Most recently, the P.G. Chambers School OT department hosted Alicia MacGregor, Director of Clinical Education from Seton Hall University, who presented to our team of OTs on the newly revised American Occupational Therapy Association assessment tool. This professional development training gave our therapists more tools to develop mentoring, teaching, and leadership skills ensuring that Occupational Therapy students receive the best fieldwork experiences.

P.G. Chambers School's Occupational Therapy Department provides OT fieldwork supervision and training for Occupational Therapy students from many different OT schools and universities across the Tri-State region and beyond. This ongoing partnership program with Seton Hall and many other universities is led by OTs Becky Tate, and Lisa Grau, in collaboration with Dawn Hearne, Director of OT. Becky Tate, Dawn Hearne and Caitlin Rienzi also serve on the Seton Hall University Occupational Therapy Alumni Advisory Board. Together we are inspiring our current and future therapists to excel in supporting children with disabilities.



TRICK OR SUITES IS COMING BACK TO EMBASSY SUITES



Community Partner, Embassy Suites of Parsippany is excited to resume a P.G. Chambers School tradition, "Trick or Suites!" Please **save the date for Friday, October 27th, 2023** for this much anticipated family-oriented trick-or-treating event at the hotel. Thanks to community sponsors, the rooms are decorated with different themes to delight kids of all ages.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Elizabeth Ann Seton Council in Cedar Knolls presents a check to P.G. Chambers School from their fall fundraising drive to support our kids. Pictured are Past Grant Knight, Dennis Fashano and Kathleen DeSantis, Director of Development at P.G. Chambers School.

FOREVER FORWARD

You can protect what matters most to you and also make a lasting impact at P.G. Chambers School by including a gift to us in your will.

Discover how friends of P.G. Chambers School are ensuring that the school continues to thrive in support of our kids and families.



Meet Steve Vittorio...

Steve Vittorio has always been devoted to supporting children and his local community. “Born into a family of teachers, I developed a great respect over the years for the education system and the people who devote their life to educating children,” shared Steve. Steve was in his early career at PGIM Real Estate Investors, was busy coaching and supporting his growing family with his loving wife, Laurie, when he asked a business colleague about his desire to get involved with a non-profit where he could impact the lives of children.

Thankfully, with the wonderful recommendation of his friend Finn Wentworth, the rest is history. Steve came on board in the midst of a capital campaign to raise funds to support the expansion of the P.G. Chambers School in Cedar Knolls. It would not take long for the school to engage his talents and recruit him to serve on the Board. Steve served on the Board for 23 years, including 6 years as Chair, and many years on the finance, facilities and strategic planning committees. His commitment to lead by example, learn from others, and build a sustainable organization has left a lasting impact on our children and their families.

During his tenure on the Board, Steve and his fellow Board members strengthened the School’s finances through prudent investments and careful planning to protect it during challenging times. And their thoughtful planning and focus proved invaluable as P.G. Chambers School navigated the unanticipated financial challenges of the recent pandemic.

“During my remarkable 25-year journey, I am proud of what I was able to give but more importantly I am touched by what I received in return. I have been fortunate in my life in so many ways and being a part of P.G. Chambers School has left an indelible mark on my heart. Laurie and I have a tremendous respect and high regard for the team of dedicated staff who work at P.G. Chambers School every day. Their jobs can be grueling and thankless but in the end what they do is truly special, and it is a pleasure for us to be a small part of that,” shared Steve.

“WHEN ASKED IF I WOULD CONSIDER JOINING THE LEGACY LEADERSHIP CIRCLE, THE ANSWER CAME EASILY AS I HAD ALREADY MADE PROVISIONS IN MY WILL TO SUPPORT THIS LIFE-CHANGING ORGANIZATION.”

- STEVE VITTORIO

Today, Steve continues to share his knowledge and love of our kids as a member of the Strategic Development Committee where he always leads by example and inspires others to join him.

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MENUS FOR THE MIND

Register Today!
P.G. Chambers School
28th Annual
Menus for the Mind



Featuring Sparsh Shah

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
6:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
PARK AVENUE CLUB
FLORHAM PARK, NEW JERSEY



[Click here to register for Menus for the Mind](#)

SAVE THE DATE!



Save the Date

**P.G. Chambers School
Golf Classic**
Monday, May 22, 2023
Rockaway River Country Club
Denville, New Jersey

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