

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS

Note from the Superintendent

December 2018

Happy Holidays!

I hope that your children and your family enjoy a festive holiday season and find time to disconnect and recharge later this month. Our schools all host various concerts and performances this month. You may access the [full schedule here](#). Please note that the new performing arts center at Chatham High School is fully operational and that the CHS choir, band, and orchestra performances will all take place in this new space. We hope that you might find time to come to a show, regardless of the age of your child(ren)!



Giving Thanks

In the spirit of recognizing those around us who deserve recognition more than ourselves, I would like to acknowledge Mr. Ron DeLoatch, a social studies teacher at Chatham High School.

Mr. DeLoatch is a Brooklyn native who enlisted in the U.S. Army while attending the City College of New York. He later transferred to the U.S. National Guard, and has now devoted 34 years of service to our country.



Mr. DeLoatch has steadily gained promotion through the National Guard command structure. He recently gained appointment to the position and rank of Command Colonel for the 254th Regiment, headquartered in Sea Girt. It is worth noting that there are only six command Colonels in all of New Jersey. It is also worth noting that Sea Girt is the premier National Guard training unit, where National Guard, Army Reserve, and active-duty U.S. Army members receive training.

Over the past eighteen years, Mr. DeLoatch has been called away from his job as social studies teacher at CHS numerous times. He was called up to help protect our country in both 2001 and 2002, after the 9/11 attacks. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008 for Operation Enduring Freedom. And he was called away to assist the victims of both Hurricane Sandy here in New Jersey in 2012 and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico last year. Over this same period of time, Mr. DeLoatch has been voted the CHS Teacher of the Year four different times by the graduating seniors of Chatham High School.

On behalf of the school district, I would like to offer my gratitude and congratulations to Mr. DeLoatch!

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