



Superintendent's Report

May 21, 2026

We enthusiastically cheer our Science Olympiad team as they head to Los Angeles, California this weekend to compete in the 2026 Science Olympiad National Tournament, hosted by the University of Southern California (USC)! Earning a spot at the national level for the second year in a row is a tremendous achievement, and it reflects the hard work, dedication, and passion for science that these students demonstrate every day. We wish our team, Ms. Moidu and Mr. Hernandez the very best of luck!

I am proud to share that Closter Public Schools has met all three District Goals for the 2025–2026 school year! Our work this year spanned the development of the Profile of a Closter Learner rubrics, a district-wide commitment to data-driven instruction, and comprehensive SWOT analyses of our SEL and character education programs at both Hillside Elementary and Tenakill Middle School. I will share a report this evening which details the incredible work of our administrators, teachers, counselors, students, and families who made this possible. I look forward to building on this strong foundation as we head into 2026–2027.

School will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. We honor and remember the brave men and women of our armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Their courage, dedication, and selflessness have preserved the freedoms we cherish each day. As we enjoy time with family and friends, I encourage our students and families to take a moment to reflect on the profound debt of gratitude we owe to these heroes and their loved ones.

We are in the final stretch of this school year, with 22 school days remaining. Our fourth grade moving-on ceremony and eighth grade graduation will take place at Memorial Field on June 17, 2026. The fourth grade ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the eighth grade ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will take place on the same date and times at Northern Valley Regional High School Demarest.

The final day of school is now June 24, 2026. Please note that the final four school days, June 18, 22, 23, and 24, will be single-session days. School is closed in observance of Juneteenth on June 19, 2026.

Closter will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence on Saturday, June 13, 2026. The celebration will be a fun day for the whole family with a parade, rides, music, food trucks, and fireworks! The event will take place at Memorial Field and more information will be forthcoming. Our students will be participating in art and essay contests in advance of this day and the winners will be announced at the celebration.

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