

# Conestoga High School

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## CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES

Daily sports schedules for Conestoga High School athletic teams are available online at [www.digitalsports.com](http://www.digitalsports.com) by entering "Conestoga High School." Please contact the CHS Athletic Office, 610-

## Course Selection Night 2016

You are invited to attend Course Selection Night

Thursday, January 28, 2016

7:00 - 9:15 PM

CHS

Counselors, department chairs, and curriculum supervisors will offer insights about the academic program and brief presentations highlighting various course offerings for the 2016-2017 school year. Students will receive a personal copy of the Conestoga *Program of Studies* prior to Course Selection Night and parents should review the book, discuss course selection prior to Thursday evening, and bring a copy of the book with them. There will be presentations for each grade level as noted below:

Current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Auditorium

Current 9<sup>th</sup> Graders: Small Gym

Current 10<sup>th</sup> Graders: Room 140 (A thru M) and 142 (N thru Z)

240-1024, for additional information.

Current 11<sup>th</sup> Graders: Room 268

Join us for an informative evening. We look forward to seeing you.

## **CLASS PARENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Class of 2016**

*Senior Class Parent Meeting: February 9, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142*

### **Class of 2017**

*Junior Class Parent Meeting: February 11, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142*

### **Class of 2018**

*Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: February 16, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142*

### **Class of 2019**

*Freshman Class Parent Meeting: February 19, 2016 at 9:30 AM in Room 142*

## **NCAA and Student Athletes**

Students athletes considering playing collegiate sports should familiarize themselves

## **Alternate Class Parent Meetings**

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As you know, individual class meetings are held each month for Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior parents. These meetings are scheduled for 9:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and minutes from the meetings are emailed to all CHS parents.

In an effort to make the information and dialogue more accessible for parents unable to attend at that time, Dr. Meisinger, Assistant Principals, and Guidance Counselors will be available to meet with parents on the following dates at 7:30 am in the Faculty Dining Room: March 17<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup>. These meetings will address all grade levels together in a condensed format. Please contact Jeanne Braun, [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net) if you have any questions.

## **The Senior Internship Program**

The Senior Internship Program at Conestoga offers seniors in good standing an opportunity to explore an area of career interest during the last month before graduation. The process for the Class of 2016 has begun and parents should have received information in the mail. You can access information on the home page of the Conestoga website. <http://tesd.net/internships> Questions can be directed to Jeanne Braun, Program Coordinator at 610-240-1913 or [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net).

To comply with new Pennsylvania legislation, Community Sponsors will be required to have completed background clearances in order to take a Conestoga intern who is under 18 years of age. More information on this requirement can be found on the Conestoga website. We are committed to maintaining and growing this wonderful opportunity for all of our students.

Any Conestoga parents interested in participating as a Community

with NCAA course requirements. Students are encouraged to speak with their assigned counselor to discuss further and visit the [NCAA Eligibility Center website](#).



Sponsor for senior students should contact Jeanne Braun.

## Second Semester Schedules

Students received a copy of their second semester schedule in homeroom on Tuesday, December 8. They were permitted to make level changes and second semester elective changes through Wednesday, December 23, 2015. No schedule changes will be permitted from January 4-19 while we prepare for midterms. Students will have a final opportunity to make second semester changes on the midterm days (1/20, 1/21, 1/22) and the first two days of the third marking period (1/25, 1/26). No elective change requests will be honored after January 26, 2016.

## Extended Experience

[Verification forms](#) are now posted on the TESD website for students participating in Semester I Extended Experience PE. These forms will verify that the student's required 30 hours of activity have been completed. The signed forms were due in Conestoga's main office on or before January 8, 2016. A student will not be given credit if the verification form is not submitted on time. Seniors will be put in a PE class to satisfy CHS PE graduation requirements if a signed form is not received.

Semester II [Application forms](#) are also on the TESD website. Students with second semester Extended Experience PE on their schedules will need to submit a signed application form to the main office by January 29, 2016.

## College Admissions Evening

Thursday, February 4, 2016  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
CHS Auditorium

The Conestoga Student Services Department invites all juniors and interested sophomores to attend College Admissions Evening on Thursday, February 4 from 7-9 PM in the CHS Auditorium. This is a student and parent evening featuring keynote speaker Darryl Jones from the Gettysburg Admissions Office. Our Keynote speaker will be followed by workshops on various topics including financial aid, finding the right fit, and college essay writing. Join us for a very informative night.

## Spring Sports Information

The Athletic Office will begin accepting PIAA Paperwork for Spring Sports on Monday, January 25, 2016. The PIAA Paperwork can be downloaded on the [Conestoga Athletic Webpage](#) or picked up in the Athletic Office.

PIAA Paperwork for Spring Sports is due by Friday, February 26, 2016.

Spring Sports begin on Monday, March 7, 2016 for V-JV-JVA and begin on Monday, March 14, 2016 for JVB Freshman.

**The Spring Sports Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 24, 2016 in the Auditorium at 7:00 PM.**

## Attention Parents of Juniors

It is our pleasure to invite you to schedule a post-high school planning conference sometime this winter or spring. Together, we will review your goals and your high school academic record as we help guide you toward your own individualized post-high school plan. Parents can schedule a conference any time during the school day by calling the Student Services Office at 610-240-1045. It is helpful if you know your student's availability or free period when you call so that we can schedule

the conference at a time when your child will not be missing class. We look forward to meeting with you!

## Conestoga Club is Collecting College T-Shirts

In an effort to help make the idea of going to college a real possibility for the students of Richard Wright Elementary (a K-5 school in the Strawberry Mansion section of Philadelphia) - the principal has initiated "College Day." Once a month the RWE students and teachers are encouraged to wear a college t-shirt, any college t-shirt. The effort is intended to normalize the idea of college and encourage the knowledge that college is something that should be a possibility for all. The principal isn't looking for any particular college. She's not suggesting the schools have to be local or even in Pennsylvania. She encourages her students to wear ANY college t-shirt.

- College T-Shirt Day is a great idea. The problem is that too often the students of Richard Wright Elementary don't have access to ANY college t-shirts.
- YOU CAN HELP.
- **The Richard Wright Project (a CHS club) is spearheading a COLLEGE T-SHIRT COLLECTION during the month of January.**
- Collection bins located outside the Main Office.
- [Please view our flyer here!](#)

## Currently Airing on T/E TV: *Minding Your Mind*

Please tune in to T/E TV to view the *Minding Your Mind* assembly that was presented at CHS on December 10, 2015. Arch, along with Conestoga High School, invited parents and teens to join in on a discussion about mental health education. The presentation featured topics such as anxiety, depression, self-harm, substance abuse, and the difference between

positive and negative coping mechanisms.

The presentation is currently airing on TE/TV as follows:

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 5:00 PM**  
**Tuesday and Thursday: 12:00 PM**  
**Saturday and Sunday: 7:00 AM**

[Please click to view more details about the Minding Your Mind flyer.](#)

## **MESSAGE FROM** **THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### ***School Counselor Assignments***

Student Services Center assignments for 2015-2016 are as follows:

<b>Guidance Counselor</b>	<b>Class of 2019 &amp; Beyond</b>	<b>Classes of 2016-18</b>
<a href="#"><u>Laureen McGloin</u></a>	A-Bro	A-Br
<a href="#"><u>Rachelle Gough</u></a> <a href="#"><u>/ Maria Marano</u></a>	Bru-Dh	Bu-Dh
<a href="#"><u>Katherine Corkhill</u></a>	Di-Gr	Di-Gai
<a href="#"><u>Brian Samson</u></a>	Gu-Ke	Gal-Ja
<a href="#"><u>Melissa Boltz</u></a>	Kh-Ma	Je-L
<a href="#"><u>Jennifer Kratsa</u></a>	Mc-N	M-Na
<a href="#"><u>Dan McDermott</u></a>	O-R	Ne-R
<a href="#"><u>Leashia Lewis</u></a> / <a href="#"><u>Christine Baumann</u></a>	S-T	S-Te
<a href="#"><u>Megan Smyth</u></a>	U-Z	Th-Z

<b>Mental Health Specialist</b>	<b>Student Last Name</b>
<a href="#"><u>Dr. Christine Dunleavy</u></a>	A-L

The Student Services Center encompasses a wide variety of services designed to assist students in their academic, career and personal/social development. Information on counselor assignments was mailed to each family over the summer. In addition to guiding students through the course selection process, school counselors provide assistance with self-awareness, educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information, home, school and/or social concerns, or any matter the students feel is significant. Up-to-date printed information, software, and audiovisual aids are available in the center to assist students with decision-making, and college and career selection. The Student Services Center resources are available for student use from 7:00AM to 3:30PM Monday through Friday.



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### **Upcoming Events**

<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
SAT Testing - Rescheduled to 2/20 Snow date of 2/20/16		8:00 AM	CHS
Beginning of 3rd Marking Period	1/25/2016		
Regular School Board Meeting	1/25/2016	7:30 PM	Cafeteria
Comedy Night	1/26/16	6:30 PM	Auditorium
Peer Mediation Drop In Day	1/28/16	7:20 AM	CHS
Curriculum Night	1/28/16	7:00 PM	CHS
College Admissions Evening	2/4/16	7:00 PM	CHS

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