

# Conestoga High School

Issue 10: January-February 2017



## **Curriculum Night**

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**  
**7:00 pm**  
**CHS**

You are invited to attend Curriculum Night (Course Selection Night) on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 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 2017-2018 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 8th Graders: Auditorium
- Current 9th Graders: Small gym
- Current 10th Graders: Room 140 (A -M) and 142 (N - Z)
- Current 11th Graders: Room 268

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

## **Senior Internship Program**

Conestoga Seniors have begun the process of preparing for the Senior Internships in May. The Senior Internship Program offers seniors in good standing an opportunity to explore an area of career interest during the last month before graduation. The dates for this year's program are May 8<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Senior parents should have received program information in the mail. All information and materials for the Senior Internship Program can be accessed on the Conestoga website at <http://www.tesd.net/domain/1407>.

More information can be found by clicking on the [Senior Internship quick link](#) on the Conestoga home page.

Questions may be directed to Jeanne Braun, Program Coordinator at 610-240-1913 or [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net).

Any Conestoga parents interested in participating as an internship Community Sponsor should also contact Jeanne Braun.

### **Midterm Exam Schedule**

**Midterm Exams will take place January 25, 26 and 27, 2017.**

The exam schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, January 25:**
  - 7:20 - 9:05 AM Math
  - 9:30 - 11:15 AM English
  - 12:30 - 2:15 PM Conflicts (PM)
  
- **Thursday, January 26:**
  - 7:20 - 9:05 AM World Languages
  - 9:30 - 11:15 AM Social Studies
  - 12:30 - 2:15 PM Conflicts (PM)
  
- **Friday, January 27:**
  - 7:20 - 9:05 AM Science
  - 9:30 - 11:15 AM Conflicts (AM)
  - 12:30 - 2:15 PM Conflicts (PM)

As always, students with two examinations scheduled for the same time will need to contact one of the subject area teachers to arrange for conflict test administration.

If a parent indicates that a student may be unable to take an exam on the published date, please note that requests for alternate testing must be made in writing to Dr. Meisinger. Assuming that approval for alternate testing is given, the examination or an alternate exam will be administered to the student at a later date. No examination will be administered prior to the scheduled exam days.

### **Midterm Bus Schedule**

During Midterm Exams, the buses will run as follows:

Wednesday, January 25: **11:35 am** - All buses run as normal  
**2:27 pm** - Consolidated bus run

Thursday, January 26: **11:35 am** - All buses run as normal  
**2:27 pm** - Consolidated bus run

Friday, January 27: **9:15 am** - All buses run as normal

**11:25 am** - Consolidated bus run  
**2:27 pm** - Consolidated bus run

The charts for the consolidated run bus numbers will be posted in the bus circle. The consolidated chart can also be found by [clicking here](#).

## **Music Department's Upcoming Concert** **Soundscapes** **January 21, 2017**

All are invited to the Conestoga Music Department's upcoming concert and Hawaii fundraiser, Soundscapes. The concert is going to be a fast paced, theatre in the round experience, featuring almost 400 music students and all music ensembles. There are 2 shows on January 21, 2017 at 3 & 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door and are available for purchase at [www.stogamusic.com](http://www.stogamusic.com).

## **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 9, 2017. 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 February 3, 2017.

## **Second Semester Schedules**

Students received a copy of their second semester schedule in homeroom on Friday, December 9. They were permitted to make level changes and second semester elective changes through Friday, December 23, 2016. No schedule changes will be permitted from January 3-24 while we prepare for midterms. Second semester schedule changes will resume on the midterm days (1/25, 1/26, 1/27) and the first two days of the third marking period (1/30, 1/31). No elective change requests will be honored after January 31, 2017.

## **College Admissions Evening**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
CHS Auditorium**

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

## **Spring Sports**

**The Spring Sports Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.**

Students may begin handing in the PIAA Paperwork to the Athletic Office on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Spring Sports Forms are due by Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Varsity, JV, and JVA Sports begin on Monday, March 6. Freshman and JVB Sports begin on Monday, March 13.

## **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 can 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!

## **'Stoga Points of Pride**

*Please click each of the headings below to view the congratulatory links in greater detail.*

- **Congratulations to select students invited to participate in the PMEA Region Chorus Festival**
- **Congratulations to select students invited to participate in the PMEA District 12 Orchestra Festival**

## **Junior Prom After-Party**

Junior parents are busy planning a Junior Prom After-Party which will be held at Conestoga following the Junior Prom on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. The party will be an opportunity for Juniors to extend this memorable evening and hang out, dance, play games and eat with their friends. Juniors do not need to attend the prom to attend the party. There are many opportunities to get involved in throwing this party including decorating, entertainment, food, clothing check, fundraising, marketing or registration. Parents who have worked on this event in the past say it was really fun and rewarding! Contact Tracey Castelli, [tracy.cast@me.com](mailto:tracy.cast@me.com), Volunteer Chair, if you are interested in helping out.

**Save the Date** for the Junior Parent Social on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the home of Greg and Jean Kane in Devon. It will be a fun gathering of Junior parents and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and new ones! Proceeds from the Parent Social and Auction will benefit the After-Prom Party.

Please note that attending the Parent Social or helping with the After Prom Party is not a commitment that your son or daughter will attend the After Prom Party. This is a group of parents who simply want to offer a fun and safe opportunity for our kids.

## **A note from the Nurse's Office**

### **Parents/Guardians of 11th Grade Students:**

Please note that all 11th grade students are to have a physical exam as mandated by the state. If you have not submitted a physical for your student please do so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,  
Gail Hamman, RN  
School Nurse

## **Winter Weather is Coming!** **Sign Up to Receive Emergency Text Alerts Today**

The T/E School District now offers the option for parents to receive a text message alert when there is an emergency announcement from TE All-Call, the District's mass communication system. All parent/guardian mobile numbers in the TE All-Call system received a text invitation on November 17, 2016 with instructions on how to opt-in to receive text messages. If you missed the text invitation, or have added a new mobile number or changed an existing mobile number, **you can still sign up to receive emergency text alerts by texting Y to 67587**. Please note that your mobile number must already be on file in the TE All-Call system in order for you to begin receiving emergency text alerts. To add a new mobile number or

change an existing number, please contact your child's school. For more information, including frequently asked questions, visit [www.tesd.net/teallcall](http://www.tesd.net/teallcall).

## **Attention All Seniors**

### **Changes to the 2017-2018 FAFSA**

New as of this fall 2016:

- Students were able to file for aid beginning October 1 (a full three months earlier than previously allowed).
- For the first time, applicants will use prior-prior year (PPY) tax information when reporting personal and family income.

Previously, the FAFSA used the previous year's tax data. Beginning in October 2016 (for aid applications for the 2017-18 award year), the White House will allow students to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using prior-prior year (PPY) tax data.

\*Prior-Prior Year (PPY) refers to a policy enabling students and families to file for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using tax information from two years ago. For example, a high school senior planning to enroll in college in Fall 2017 will file FAFSA using taxes from 2015. PPY debuts in October 2016 for aid application for the 2017-18 award year. This means that the high school class of 2017 will be the first high school cohort to use the PPY FAFSA, and all returning college students in that same year will also use it. \*

## **Class Parent Organizations**

### **Class of 2017**

Senior Class Parent Meeting: February 16, 2017 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

### **Class of 2018**

Junior Class Parent Meeting: February 14, 2017 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

### **Class of 2019**

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: February 23, 2017 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

### **Class of 2020**

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: February 21, 2017 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

## **Conestoga Monthly Parent Meetings and Class Parent Chairs**

You are invited to attend the monthly Parent Meetings for the grade your child is in. These meetings are a great way to connect with other parents and find out what is going on at Conestoga, specifically in your child's grade. Dr. Meisinger, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors and other administrators attend these meetings and offer important information and answer any questions you may have. For the schedule of Monthly Parent Meetings, click [here](#) to view the Conestoga calendar. The meetings take place at 9:30am, usually in Room 142. If you are unable to attend the Parent Meetings due to your work schedule, we offer Alternate Parent Meetings on February 23, and April 27 at 7:30 am.

Also, minutes from each Parent Meeting are sent out from your Class Chair. Below is a list of Class Chairs. Feel free to contact them with any questions you may have. You may also contact Jeanne Braun, Coordinator of Community and Volunteer Services at [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net) with any questions.

Class of 2017	Lorraine Miller	<a href="mailto:chs2017parents@tesd.net">chs2017parents@tesd.net</a>
Class of 2018	Dawn Morgan	<a href="mailto:chs2018parents@tesd.net">chs2018parents@tesd.net</a>
Class of 2019	Margaret MacKenzie	<a href="mailto:chs2019parents@tesd.net">chs2019parents@tesd.net</a>
Class of 2020	Tracey Prestipino	<a href="mailto:chs2020parents@tesd.net">chs2020parents@tesd.net</a>

**FLITE presents...**  
**T/E FLITE Crew vs. the Harlem Wizards**

**Friday, March 31, 2017**  
**7:00 PM at Conestoga High School Gym**  
**Doors open at 6:00 pm**

One Night Only! Mark your calendars for March 31, 2017!  
(Advance Online Tickets go on sale Wed. February 15th, 10 am.)

FLITE has invited the Harlem Wizards to return and take on the T/E FLITE Crew - a team of T/E teachers, administrators and students. You won't want to miss this fun night of trick hoops and alley-oops! This exciting community event raises money to support FLITE-funded programs in our School District.

Sponsor this ever-popular event! Receive great publicity while helping FLITE fund important educational programs for local students. Click this [Link](#) to learn more.

Would you be interested in sending T/E students to the game who otherwise would not be able to attend? Please click the following link for more information: Click this [Link](#) to learn more.

**[Please click here to view the informational flyer.](#)**

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

School Counselor Assignments

Student Services Center assignments for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Guidance Counselor	Classes of 2017-18	Class of 2019 & Beyond
<u>Laureen (McGloin) Stohrer</u>	A-Br	A-Bro
<u>Rachelle Gough/ Anne Davis</u>	Bu-Dh	Bru-Dh
<u>Katherine (Corkhill) Barthelmeh</u>	Di-Gai	Di-Gr
<u>Brian Samson</u>	Gal-Ja	Gu-Ke
<u>Melissa Boltz</u>	Je-L	Kh-Ma
<u>Jennifer Kratsa</u>	M-Na	Mc-N
<u>Dan McDermott</u>	Ne-R	O-R
<u>Leashia Lewis/ Jodie Davis</u>	S-Te	S-T
<u>Megan Smyth / Christine Baumann</u>	Th-Z	U-Z

Mental Health Specialist	Student Last Name
<u>Dr. Christine Dunleavy</u>	A-L
<u>Mrs. Melissa Salzberg</u>	M-Z

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 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

**Schoology Tip:**  
**Setting Up Emailed Grade Summary Notifications**

Are you looking for a simple way to receive an overview of your child's grades via Schoology? You are welcome to set up an email notification in Schoology that will send you either a daily or weekly summary email. Please view this Schoology step-by-step guide to walk through the process of setting up this grade summary notification tool: [Grade Summary Notification Set-Up.](#)

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**QUICK LINKS**



- **Student Services Department**
- **Senior Privilege Information**
- **Senior Parking Permit Information**

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## **CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES**

Daily sports schedules for Conestoga high school athletic teams are available online at [www.digialsports.com](http://www.digialsports.com) by entering "Conestoga High School." Please contact the CHS Athletic Office at 610-240-1024, for additional information.

### **NCAA and Student Athletes**

Student athletes considering playing collegiate sports should familiarize themselves with NCAA course requirements. Students are encouraged to speak with their assigned counselor to discuss further, and visit the [NCAA Eligibility Center Website](#).

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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	1/21/17	8:00 am	CHS
Musical Rehearsals	1/21/17	9:00 am	Auditorium
Music Department: Hawaii Preview and Fundraiser Concert	1/21/17	3:00 pm and 6:00 pm	Auditorium
School Board Meeting	1/23/17	7:30 pm	Cafeteria
8th Grade Meet & Greet	1/25/17	11:30 am	Auditorium
Midterm Exams	1/25-1/27/17	7:20 am	CHS
End of 2nd Marking Period	1/27/17		
Musical Rehearsals	1/28/17	9:00 am	Auditorium
Senior Internship Orientation Phase II	2/1-2/2/17	7:20 am	Auditorium
Course Selection Night	2/2/17	7:00 pm	CHS
Unity Week	2/6-2/10/17		CHS
College Admissions Evening	2/9/17	7:00 pm	Auditorium

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