

Conestoga High School

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Senior Internship Program

Conestoga Seniors just attended Phase II Orientation and are starting their search for a Senior Internship 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 8th through June 2nd.

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>. Please check in with your students to ask how you can help them with the process.

Questions may be directed to Jeanne Braun, Program Coordinator at 610-240-1913 or braunj@tesd.net.

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

Course Selection 2017 **Cards Due February 23-24**

Course Selection cards for the 2017-2018 school year are being distributed by counselors in your student's classes. Please review your child's selections and teacher course recommendations in the next two weeks. Students should select courses in the levels that have been recommended by their teacher or complete a Course Override Form which must be signed by a parent and turned in with their card. Override forms are available in the Conestoga High School Guidance Department. Course Selection cards will be collected February 23 and 24 in the Conestoga Main Lobby during all lunches.

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 Admissions Office. Following Mr. Branch's presentation, parents and students will have the opportunity to attend several 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.

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.

'Stoga Music Theater Presents ***The Mystery of Edwin Drood***

Join us as 'Stoga Music Theatre presents ***The Mystery of Edwin Drood*** this upcoming March. [Please click here to view the promotional flyer!](#)

Show Dates:

March 1, 2, 3 at 7:00 PM

March 4 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Ticket Prices:

Adults \$15

Students (19 years and younger) \$12

Seniors (62 and older) \$12

Tickets will be sold at the door and are available online at www.stogatheatre.com

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **Congratulations to students selected to participate in the Region VI Orchestra Festival this March 2017**
- **Conestoga Senior named one of the top 300 young scientists of the 76th annual Regeneron Science Talent Search 2017**
- **Conestoga students take first place at PA Governors STEM Regional Competition**
- **Conestoga High School swimmer is Main Line Boys Athlete of the Week**

CHS Career Days **March 7, 8, and 9, 2017**

Career Days at Conestoga is an annual event, organized and hosted by the Sophomore Class parents along with the Student Services Department. Over 30 professionals are coming to talk about their careers and the paths they took to arrive where they are today. Students will hear from professionals in the following fields: Accounting, Broadcasting, Advertising, CAD Design, Education, Engineering, Fashion Merchandising, Finance, Entrepreneurs, Graphic Arts, Medicine, Law, NonProfits, Mental Health and many more. Sessions are held during the school day and are open to all students. Please encourage your student to attend. Questions may be directed to Mike McFadden, one of the Career Days Chairs at mcfadden03@icloud.com.

Conestoga's Key Club and Student Council Announce **2nd Annual Four Diamonds MiniTHON** **March 24, 2017**

Conestoga High School will host its second annual Four Diamonds MiniTHON on March 24, 2017. Our MiniTHON is a 6 hour long dance and activity marathon from 6pm to 12am. Prior to the event Conestoga students will raise money for the Four Diamonds Foundation to aid pediatric cancer patients and their families. To learn more about Four Diamonds or to contribute to the event visit <http://www.fourdiamonds.org/> . Students can register February 6-10 in the main lobby during all lunches.

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.

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!

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 20th**. 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, Volunteer Chair, if you are interested in helping out.

Save the Date for the Junior Parent Social

The Junior Parent Social will be held on Friday, March 24th 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

Spring After School Squash Program

Please click the following link to view information regarding the Spring Squash Program: [Spring 2017 - Learn to Play Squash!](#)

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.

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 with any questions.

Class of 2017	Lorraine Miller	chs2017parents@tesd.net
Class of 2018	Dawn Morgan	chs2018parents@tesd.net
Class of 2019	Margaret MacKenzie	chs2019parents@tesd.net
Class of 2020	Tracey Prestipino	chs2020parents@tesd.net

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</u>	S-Te	S-T
<u>Megan Smyth</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.](#)

QUICK LINKS

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

CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES

Daily sports schedules for Conestoga high school athletic teams are available online at 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.](#)

Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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	2/4-2/10/17		CHS
College Admissions Evening	2/9/17	7:00 PM	Auditorium
3rd Grade Fun Night	2/10/17	6:00 PM	CHS
Culture Club Week	2/13-2/17/17	7:20 AM	Main Lobby
Junior Parent Meeting	2/14/17	9:30 AM	Room 142
American Math Contest B	2/15/17	7:20 AM	Room 142
Spring Sports Meeting	2/15/17	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Senior Parent Meeting	2/16/17	9:30 AM	Room 142
No School	2/20/17		School Closed
Spring Sports Forms Due	2/21/17	7:20 AM	Athletic Office Room 118

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