

Conestoga High School

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Senior Internship Program - Here We Go!

The months of searching, communicating, interviewing - and sometimes agonizing - have come to an end. On May 9th, Conestoga Seniors will begin their Senior Internships.

Our students are embarking on amazing internships, from a National Park in Alaska to a school in South Korea, from the air traffic control tower at Philadelphia International Airport to Main Line Animal Rescue. The list of internships is as varied as the senior class! Libraries, theaters, museums, hospitals, schools, non-profits and businesses in our community and beyond will be hosting Conestoga Seniors from May 9th to June 3rd, offering valuable experience and learning outside of the classroom.

Please contact Jeanne Braun, Program Coordinator at 610-240-1913 or braunj@tesd.net with any questions, or if you are interested in hosting an intern in future years.

Attention Seniors

Counselors have collected a Final Transcript Request form from all seniors confirming their post-graduate/final destination plans. Final transcripts will be mailed to colleges beginning June 13, 2016. Should a final destination change, it is extremely important to contact your counselor or send an email to the Registrar at barkmang@tesd.net.

Attention Parents of Seniors: A Reminder from the Nurse's Office

This is a reminder to please pick up any medication/supplies that your senior student may have in the Nurse's Office. Thank you!

Attention Parents of Juniors

It is our pleasure to invite you to schedule a post-high school planning conference sometime this 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 you!

Sophomore Parent Meeting Luncheon

May 17, 2016
11:30AM

The Sophomore Parent Meeting Luncheon will be held on May 17, 2016 at 11:30 am at the home of Jeannette and Jason Casterline. Their address is 1615 Minden Lane, Malvern, PA 19355.

'Stoga Points of Pride

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

- **The Conestoga Girls Lacrosse Team is awarded the PASLA Team Service Award for its service to the community this year**
- **Conestoga's S.A.V.E.S. Club Helped Raise \$22,000 in Support of Orangutan Conservation**
- **Conestoga students qualify for the USA Mathematical Olympiad Exam and USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad Exam**
- **Conestoga Students Winning Performances on World Language Exams**
- **Conestoga High School Teacher Selected as Heinemann Fellow**
- **Conestoga's Envirothon Team Competes and Places in Envirothon Competition**

Fall Sports Meeting

The Fall Sports Meeting will take place on
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

Feedback Wanted! **T/E School District Launches Community** **Communications Survey**

All Tredyffrin and Easttown Township residents and District staff members are invited to participate in the T/E School District Community Communications Survey. The Tredyffrin/Easttown School District uses an integrated communications network to maximize community awareness of current projects, issues and legislation while promoting the successes of students and staff. As part of an ongoing review of our communications program, we are conducting a survey to help determine the effectiveness of our current communication tools.

Thank you for participating in the survey and for helping to shape future communication practices. Survey results will be shared on the T/E School District website once the data has been compiled.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Check Cafeteria Balances

Cafeteria balances should be kept current. Please check that your student's account is not carrying a negative balance. To check your student's balance, you should register your child at www.paypams.com. It is free to register and includes free services including viewing your child's cafeteria purchases and automatic low balance email reminders. You may also deposit money in your child's account, but there is a convenience fee of \$1.95. Checks and cash are still accepted at the cafeteria. For any further information about Food Services or how to obtain Free and Reduced Lunches, please visit the food and nutrition website at <http://www.tesd.net/domain/34>.

Class of 2016 Reflections Ceremony

Save the Date: June 6, 2016 at 7 pm

Reflections is a non-denominational event that is held at Daylesford Abbey for the Conestoga High School's Graduating Class of 2016 and their parents. During the program, selected senior students will take part in musical performances and speeches, celebrating and

reflecting on the Class of 2016's school years.

Note to parents: Space constraints at the Abbey do prohibit us from inviting more than parents and members of the Class of 2016 to this event. Invitations with more details will be mailed in May.

Attention Juniors

Parking Permit Applications for eligible Juniors are being accepted as of April 25, 2016 in Room 118 (Athletic Office) from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Application Forms can be downloaded from the CHS Website or picked up directly in the Athletic Office.

Parking Permits were made available on Friday, May 6, 2016.
Juniors can begin parking on Monday, May 9, 2016.

Attention Class of 2017

Senior portraits will be taken June 6 - 10, 2016 (2:30 - 8:00) at Conestoga. Prestige by Lifetouch Studio will mail appointments to your home. Be on the lookout for mail from them, so you don't toss it with junk mail.

They will return again to Conestoga July 26 - 28 (9:00 - 2:00), and September 10, 17, 24 and October 1 (9:00 - 2:00).

NO OTHER DATES WILL BE SCHEDULED AT CONESTOGA. To contact the studio, log on to <http://www.ouryear.com/> school code 87046 or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR™ (687-9327). The yearbook staff does not schedule the appointments.

After October 1, if you have not had a picture taken and would like to appear in the yearbook, you must go to the studio for a session. All pictures must be taken by October 31, 2016 in order to appear in the yearbook.

Once your pictures have been taken, the studio will mail proofs to your home. Follow their directions to select a picture for the yearbook, if you took your pictures after Oct. 1, you might not be able to select your yearbook pose due to the late date.

Volunteer Update

Thank you to the hundreds of parents who have volunteered so far this school year. We could not accomplish all that we do without you!

There are still some volunteer opportunities this spring! Contact Jeanne Braun, braunj@tesd.net to get specific dates and opportunities.

Looking ahead to next year, we need many volunteers to help with Health Screenings on the first two days of school, Aug 29th & Aug 30th. And, if you are a registered nurse, we could use your help with vision and hearing screenings.

Update on Volunteer Clearances

For the 2016-2017 school year, only school volunteers with regular and repeated contact with students, who are responsible for the care, supervision, guidance or control of children will need clearances. At Conestoga, this would include parents who volunteer in the Achievement Center or volunteer to drive students. Please note that clearances are now valid for five years. Information on obtaining clearances can be found on the School District website under the Community tab. If you are interested in volunteering for these and other positions, please contact Jeanne Braun.

Valley Forge Middle School 50th Anniversary

Valley Forge Middle School (formerly known as Valley Forge Junior High) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a community celebration at the middle school on Friday, May 13, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Door will open at 5:30 pm. [Please view this link to view the informational flyer.](#)

FLITE Staff Tributes

Looking for the Perfect End-of-Year Gift? Consider Giving the Gift Every Teacher Will Love!

FLITE's Staff Tributes are a wonderful way for parents to recognize the extraordinary effort of T/E's faculty and staff. By making this tax-deductible donation to FLITE, you can thank the dedicated individuals who have supported and encouraged your children throughout the school year. Honorees will receive a personalized card notifying them of your donation.

FLITE Staff Tributes can be made online or by mail: [Please click here to access the online link.](#)

Children's Dental Clinic Annual Yankee Candle Fundraiser

The Children's Dental Clinic is a non-profit community clinic benefiting children in need in the T/E and Great Valley School

Districts. The clinic is run by volunteers who serve as dental assistants, drivers, board members and school representatives. Please visit www.kidsdentalclinic.org to participate in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Any questions can be directed to candles@kidsdentalclinic.org.

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

AFS Needs Host Families for Exchange Students

Without leaving home, your family can experience a foreign culture by hosting an AFT (American Field Service) exchange student during the coming school year. Students are carefully screened and selected by representatives in their home countries, and are placed with families according to similar interests and lifestyles.

All students come with full medical insurance and their own spending money. Host families vary greatly in size, age, and income level. Requirements for hosting are flexibility, a sense of humor, curiosity about other cultures, and a willingness to open one's heart and home to a foreign student as a family member.

Placements are for either one or two semesters. However, changes are made whenever family/student relationships are not satisfactory. If you are interested in learning more about serving as a host family, or can recommend someone else, please call Carolyn Veith, local AFS coordinator, at 610-688-5416.

2016-2017 School District Calendar Information

Please visit the T/E School District [website to view the 2016-2017 School District Calendar information](#). School staff members are beginning to plan events and activities for the 2016-17 school year. Parents are encouraged to check the calendar after June 1, 2016 for dates of school events and activities. [Please view this link for a single page summary of the 2016-17 school year calendar.](#)

QUICK LINKS

- **[Student Services Department](#)**
- **[Senior Privilege Information](#)**
- **[Senior Parking Permit Information](#)**
- **[Junior Privilege Information](#)**
- **[Junior Parking 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](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

School Counselor Assignments

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

Guidance Counselor	Class of 2019 & Beyond	Classes of 2016-2018
<u>Laureen McGloin</u>	A-Bro	A-Br
<u>Rachelle Gough/ Maria Marano</u>	Bru-Dh	Bu-Dh
<u>Katherine Corkhill</u>	Di-Gr	Di-Gai
<u>Brian Samson</u>	Gu-Ke	Gal-Ja
<u>Melissa Boltz</u>	Kh-Ma	Je-L
<u>Jennifer Kratsa</u>	Mc-N	M-Na
<u>Dan McDermott</u>	O-R	Ne-R
<u>Leashia Lewis</u>	S-T	S-Te
<u>Megan Smyth / Christine Baumann</u>	U-Z	Th-Z

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

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Snow Day in May	5/6/16	11:30 AM	CHS

SAT Testing	5/7/16	8:00 AM	CHS
Senior Internship Program Begins	5/9/16		
Regular School Board Meeting	5/9/16	7:30 PM	Auditorium
Tri-M Recital #2	5/10/16	6:00 PM	Auditorium
Keystones: Algebra Module 1	5/16/16	8:20 AM	CHS
Keystones: Algebra Module 2	5/17/16	11:45 AM	CHS
Keystones: Literature Module 1	5/18/16	8:20 AM	CHS
Keystones: Literature Module 2	5/19/16	11:45 AM	CHS
Keystones: Biology Module 1	5/23/16	8:20 AM	CHS
Keystones: Biology Module 2	5/24/16	11:45 AM	CHS
Service and Leadership Awards Evening	5/18/16	7:00 PM	Auditorium
Junior Prom	5/21/16	6:00 PM	Sheraton Valley Forge

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